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Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70, served as a regional director for the Headquarters staff and has volunteered for numerous chapters and national committees. In 2001, he was inducted into the Order of the Golden Heart, and he was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2005. Brother Shanklin and his wife, Darlene, live in Martin, Tennessee, where he is an instructor in Accounting at the University of Southern Indiana. They have a daughter, Anna, and son, Jon, who is a member of the Indiana Zeta Chapter at Valparaiso University.

Good enough rarely is...

For all our accomplishments and initiatives, SigEp should be very proud. After all, aren't we number one? The questions then arise: "What next?" "What's left to do?" "Aren't we as good as we can expect our Fraternity to be?" "Good enough?"

The great temptation is to say yes. Some would say we are the leader of the fraternity world, and no one is really that close to overtaking us...or are they?

We can easily compare ourselves to our fraternal neighbors. We're not the first to be a recognized leader. In 1900, when Carter Ashton Jenkins transferred to Richmond College, he was probably not on the recruitment radar screen of the five fraternities at Richmond as they chose new men for their chapters. But he and his close friends would lay the foundation we build on today.

The fraternity world leaders then were names we still recognize today on fraternity row. They were the largest, they were the innovators, they were the number ones, and we had one chapter of 12 men.

So what happened?

No one could have predicted the ascent SigEp saw over the next 100 years. Sigma Phi Epsilon became a national Fraternity, a Fraternity on a mission. We became a "fraternity of firsts." Innovation was focused on excellence in all of our chapters across the nation.

Bold steps cast SigEp as an emerging competitor, yet many did not see SigEp as a leader in the fraternity world. Over time, the value and very existence of the fraternity system was challenged across the country.

Our enhanced efforts and resolve led us to levels of achievement previously considered impossible. But how do we avoid the complacency that relegated the leaders of the past to the role of followers?

Our chapters must be filled with Balanced Men who honor SigEp in every aspect of their lives.

We must compete up to our own potential, not simply try to better our neighbors.

Our chapters must create an atmosphere for brothers to be their best and give their best.

Honors and awards must be the byproduct of excellence, not the primary objective of our chapters.

A SigEp must go well beyond just being a member. Sigma Phi Epsilon must become a lifestyle: a lifestyle of principle and conviction, a lifestyle of service to others and a lifestyle that makes a difference on each campus and in the life of each brother.

This is the difference we mean when we say that we are different from other fraternities.

We are different! We must stay different. For when we lead in this way, we are fulfilling the promise of Carter Ashton Jenkins to the faculty at Richmond College as justification for our founding. We have kept his promise. It is why we are *who* we are. It is why we are *where* we are.

For a leader, good enough is unacceptable. Excellence is what is required of a leader. In the words of Grand President Jim Robeson, "we are a good Fraternity, but it is excellence over time that is required for SigEp to be a great Fraternity."

My brothers lead on...

Stephen B. Shanklin
Grand President

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The Journal will focus on SigEp's partnerships with higher education as an important way to restore the reputation of fraternities at American colleges.

Get Published!

Summer '08 deadline for *The Journal*: March 1, 2008. Submit articles, photos or story ideas year-round to journal@sigep.net.

The Conclave Effect

As a freshman, I came into SigEp with the hope of finding a friend. I rely on friendship. I am very much my own person, but I cannot be somewhere strange and new without friends. Greek life seemed to be the way. SigEp had me from day one. These men saw something special in me, and I saw something special in them.

I have always found my way into leadership. I have a hard time simply following. I was vice president of finance in spring 2006, the only freshman on the Executive Committee. Fall came and so did the nomination for president. Could I really do this as a sophomore? Something in my heart told me I could, but not right then. Life has an amazing way of showing you things. I went on probation for grades after that semester. I got down. I

got upset. I got everything but what I wanted. I thought that was it for me. That was until Conclave.

I wound up with a 3.75 GPA the following semester and things finally started to look up. This past summer, I got the opportunity

to attend Conclave. It was one of the best times of my life. Seeing the founders' faces on the wall filled me with a sense of pride I have not felt in a long time. It was the pride I often feel when I think of my last name. Not only am I a Haney, I am a Sigma Phi Epsilon man. I am the founders. I am my brothers. Conclave took the embers in my heart and gave them oxygen. I can do what I set out to do again. I can do it because SigEp has taught me to move forward when it seems I cannot. I thank all the speakers from Conclave for helping me push forward. "[I] have wells to dig."

Blake Haney
Austin Peay '09



Blake Haney and Grand President Archie Yeatts at the 50th Grand Chapter Conclave in Atlanta.

'Happy Birthday' means a lot

(The Educational Foundation sends out a birthday card to alumni who have made a donation in the last 10 years. Howard E. Smith's card took him back to his college days in the '30s)

I joined Sigma Phi Epsilon in spring of 1935 as a close friend of Brother Curtis Carlson. I kept in touch with Curt and many of my Minnesota Alpha brothers for many enjoyable years.

Now I am 90 years of age—all of those dear brothers are dead and gone. My wife is 95 percent blind, crippled. I maintain a nice home for us, have some hired help and we live a quiet life. I care for her every day in the year. We've been married 67 years.

I thank you very much for the birthday card I received March 16. It brought memories of the college years—and the later years of friendship kept alive with brothers. My grandsons attended college where we do not have a chapter, St. John's University of Collegeville, Minn. I had hoped they would be SigEps.

Howard E. Smith
Minnesota '39

Journal Editor:

I was very heartened to read the full-page article on prostate cancer in the fall issue of *The Journal*. I agree fully with author Erin Mullally that we all need to encourage more open conversation about this subject, just as women speak so freely about breast cancer. What I would like to add to Erin's article is the following.

Prostate cancer is not a "death knell," and I speak from experience. Without talking more freely about treatment and recovery, I believe we make the reader even more fearful of detection. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in May 2006 at age 68. After further testing and research, I elected to have a radical prostatectomy in August 2006. Recovery was uncomfortable, but I got through it with support from family, neighbors and friends. Now I really feel "all is well." My PSA is nondetectable. My urinary function is essentially back to normal for a man my age.

After a certain age—say, 60—men should insist that their doctor perform a digital exam. My PSA was very low (1.1) and my prostate was small, yet my doctor detected several hard lumps which called for a biopsy.

Being a prostate cancer survivor has made me far more appreciative of life and the miracle that constitutes our male human body.

Gerald Walter
Utah '62

Undergraduate defends Greek life at Michigan

The excerpt below is from Viewpoint: Greek bashing baseless and shameful in the Michigan Daily. SigEp Alex Prosperi, Michigan '10, takes on claims from another columnist who stereotypes the Greek community. Read the whole article on www.michigandaily.com.

I won't lie. Hazing does happen in the Greek community, but the stereotypical "frat-like" pledging and hazing that people assume is widespread occurs at a very low rate. But I'm not writing to talk about rush or hazing. I'm writing to secure the integrity of my house as well as all the other great fraternities and sororities on campus. SigEp is a national anti-hazing and anti-pledging fraternity. Don't believe me? I have yet to take a sip of alcohol at the University.

We are built around the Balanced Man Principle, which holds three cardinal principles—Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. Brothers go through the Sigma, Phi and Epsilon challenges to gain more knowledge and assume greater leadership in the house. Our house holds things like community service, intramural participation and bonding experiences in the highest regard. We have brothers involved in Indian American Student Association, *The Michigan Daily*, the Interfraternity Council, Circle K, The Detroit Project, campus orientation tours and Dance Marathon, among others. That's just from one fraternity.



Robert Dake lived with this local family for three months while he trained in Forecariab, Guinea.

Journal Editor:

I am now a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea. I am in Conakry for a training design and planning session for the new volunteers who are coming in next month. And lo and behold, the Spring '07 issue of *The Journal* was waiting in my mail box, along with a Halloween card and a package from home. I just wanted to say thank you for sending that to me. Yes, I know that alumni get *The Journal*. But the postal system here is unreliable at best. I have had my mother and friends stop sending me anything but e-mail because my reception rate dropped below five percent.

And yes, I can get *The Journal* online, but it's just not the same as sitting on the roof, watching the sun set and reading about your brothers and the good work they are doing. Were it not for SigEp, I wouldn't be here. Through SigEp, I fell in love with community service. And through the Balanced Man ideals, I've been better able to tackle some of the "big rocks" we face working in another country and culture. It also taught me about how to live a better life. Before I left I had fallen by the wayside; I was in the worst shape of my life, had a poor diet, worked too hard at a job I hated and just didn't take care of myself. Now I've lost more weight than I had planned, I am eating a better diet (at least as well as I can considering what's available), I get a great deal of exercise just in my daily work and I have a much more positive outlook.

So thank you, thank you and OO-O (goodbye in Malinke).

Robert Dake
Tennessee Tech '03

My first year Editor's note

GAY-LYNN CARPENTER

Greetings to you all. It's my pleasure to bring *The Journal* to you for the third time as I celebrate my first anniversary as its editor. I look back and see some good progress. I look forward and see some ripe opportunities. *The Journal* now has an impressive stable of volunteer reporters, the SigEp Stringers, whose bylines you see on the following pages. We have more submissions from the field and more space devoted to Chapter News and Alumni News.

And we have more research to guide future issues. After undergraduate and alumni focus groups in the summer, I launched an online survey to gauge your preferences and get your feedback. You already see some evidence of it in this issue: more focus on housing, varsity coverage by school instead of sport, more exposure for smaller schools, more photos, and wellness information you can act on.

You'll continue to see changes in *The Journal* as we strive to improve the writing, design and online coverage of SigEp and the issues that matter to you. Know also that we will keep the things you like. Respondents were overwhelmingly satisfied with the content and design, and 85 percent said that *The Journal* articles made them feel proud to be a SigEp. Still, hundreds generously offered suggestions to make *The Journal* even better.

Have some ideas? Check out the guidelines for submitting stories and publication-quality photos on www.sigep.org and use them to have a better shot at precious page space in the next issue. Focus your suggestion on a single story idea. Tell your brothers a story that will give them something new: a new idea, a new perspective, a new approach, a new

appreciation. And always try to include relevant, in-focus photos that are at least 300 dpi at 5" x 7". Provide member names, graduating year and the activity going on in the photo.

Oh, and thanks for reading. Not only do two-thirds of survey respondents look at it as soon as they get it, but three-quarters of them hang on to it after they're done! That's nice to know.



Gay-Lynn Carpenter interviews Richard Guy Wilson at his home in Charlottesville.



The red door on SigEp chapter houses started at Syracuse University in 1928.



Georgia Delta-Georgia

■ The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) spent \$15,000 in May to have the facade, including the columns, scraped and painted. The project was completed just before the annual “Q & Stew” between the alumni and undergraduates.

■ The house was built in the 1870s, and 36 undergraduates occupy the home.

■ Additional plantings were made to the Brad Arms Memorial Garden. Confederate Jasmine was added to the existing dogwood tree and stone commemorating brother and Marine Cpl. Brad Arms. Arms was killed in Iraq on November 19, 2004.

■ Extensive renovations are planned for the bathroom in the historic portion of the house. By the end of summer 2008, the AVC will have spent \$30,000 reconfiguring the shower area to add shower heads, replace outdated plumbing and fixtures and add new exhaust fans and counter tops.

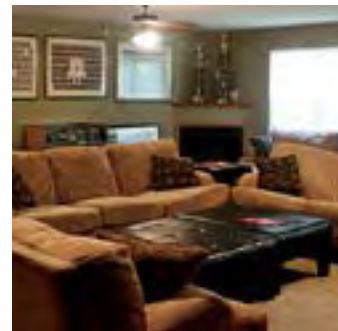
Missouri Eta-Missouri State RLC

■ Missouri Eta recolonized in 1999 after a three-year absence from Missouri State’s campus. In 2005, with an alumni board of only two and an incredibly dedicated faculty advisor, Missouri Eta was able to arrange construction of a new two-story brick house.

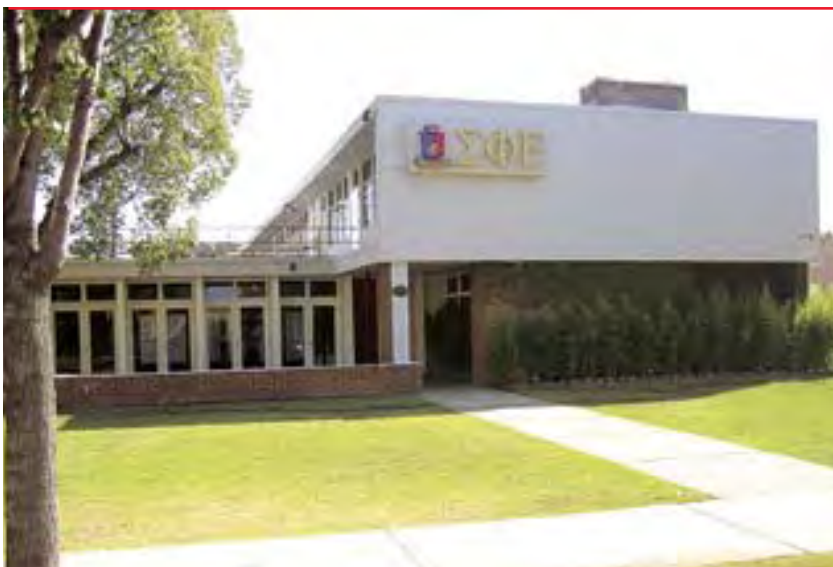
■ The facility houses 24 brothers in six suite-style apartments and is known as the premier fraternity house on campus. The house offers a full-service computer lab and study room that is one of the only private facilities of its kind at Missouri State.

■ The faculty fellow has a private office and office hours to offer help throughout the week.

■ Brothers take great care in maintaining their chapter’s home. Efforts are under way to refinance the house and finish the basement to ensure that it remains a source of pride for the next generation of brothers.



■ The chapter room is the social center of the house where brothers gather regularly. A big-screen TV, surround sound and a fireplace are among its most notable attributes. Important historical memorabilia are on display.



California Beta-Southern California

■ The SigEp chapter house at the University of Southern California sits on The Row, a coveted spot among Greek chapters at USC. California Beta is one of only three Greek chapters that owns its own home, and it continually ranks high in terms of living conditions.

■ With 38 brothers in the house, amenities include a state-of-the-art kitchen, high-speed wireless Internet, satellite TV in every room and a paved basketball court.

■ Recent renovations include improved security, new carpeting, fresh paint, new tables and chairs and enhanced landscaping.

Chicago turns a house into a home

BY TOM BAUDENDISTEL
Cincinnati '11

Chicago's Illinois Mu began the 2006–2007 school year with fewer than 10 members. In less than a year, they doubled their numbers, but they needed something to keep their momentum going into the new year: a house.

Previously, they'd been living in a four-person apartment, and the 10-person greystone row house they acquired seemed too good to be true. For awhile, it was. The house was a disaster. Carpets were moldy, plumbing was faulty, the staircase was broken and a strange stench lingered throughout the house. On top of these challenges, the landlord offered little assistance because he felt that a fraternity would damage the property already trashed by the previous tenants.

Undeterred, the brothers banded together to fix up the place. Even brothers who didn't live in the house were cleaning, painting and repairing, providing vital hands for the small but determined chapter. They stripped windows of paint and varnished floors. They went beyond repairs and restored some of the woodwork and molding to add character back to the house. Once the substantial spruce-up was complete, the house truly shone as a source of pride for the brothers. The landlord was so impressed that he reversed course and reimbursed them for their hard work.

Regional Director **Tyler Allie, Texas Christian '07**, took notice during a recent visit. "I guess my greatest takeaway from what I witnessed was focus. These guys wanted something, put their resources together and made it happen," he said. "I was never able to live in a facility with my brothers, so I was

very excited to see that these guys were taking care of their home."

This experience showcased SigEp's cardinal principles as these brothers gave hundreds of hours to establish their SigEp home. The frustration sometimes led to disagreements, but the experience brought them closer.

SigEps reclaimed their beautiful greystone row house from a state of disrepair.



Eric Marrero Maldonado, Chicago '10, restores woodwork on a door frame, one task among many to spiff up their living quarters.

According to **Conor Healy, Chicago '10**, "We knew what we wanted and knew what we had to do to get there. So we persevered. Now that we have achieved our goal, we can proudly boast of a home that fits our needs and will help us continue our recent success."



Chapter House Dedications

A First for SigEp and South Carolina

BY PETE PANTSARI
South Carolina '70

The dedication of the University of South Carolina's SigEp chapter house in October marked the first time a chapter house has been built from the ground up through a strategic partnership between the National Housing Corporation and a local Alumni and Volunteer Corporation. SigEp now manages this future Residential Learning Community as one of its own. A permanent home for the chapter has been the dream of every South Carolina Alpha brother, and has been the topic for speculation and discussion as far back as the 1950s.

Grand President **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**, University President Dr. Andrew Sorensen, and Chapter President **Russell Fry, South Carolina '07**, jointly mounted the chapter's charter on the wall to heartfelt cheers from the assembled brothers, alumni and guests. More than 50 alumni and guests from 10 states joined more than 100 undergraduates of the chapter at the house.

The facility is 14,510 square feet and houses 44 brothers, a Resident Scholar and a house director. Its Italian renaissance design includes all of the amenities to accommodate a Residential Learning Community (RLC). The house was designed by Treanor Architects of Kansas City, Mo., and built by Smith Constructors and Engineers of Chapin, S.C.



Above: Brothers gather for a group photo at the dedication of their new Residential Learning Community at South Carolina.



Above: Dr. Andrew Sorensen, president of the university, Grand President Steve Shanklin, Murray State '70, and Russell Fry, '07, after hanging the charter in the new South Carolina Alpha RLC, right.



John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61, (center) was the overall project manager for the Missouri Alpha Alumni Board. Bruce Plankinton, Missouri-Columbia '64, (right) and his wife, Marcia, (left) made the lead gift to the capital campaign. At the dedication they offered to match gifts of those present, resulting in another \$130,000 raised on the dedication day.

Missouri-Columbia dedicates new chapter house

In just under one year, Missouri-Columbia built and furnished its new chapter house for a total cost of \$2.6 million. More than \$1.2 million has been raised from Missouri Alpha alumni, parents and friends. The October dedication ceremonies were enjoyed by nearly 300 alumni, undergraduates and parents, along with Headquarters staff and Grand President **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**. The house has capacity for 64 men, houses 40 for the fall and is slated to reach 58 for the spring.

In anticipation of being designated as a SigEp Residential Learning Community, more than 20 percent of the Missouri Alpha house is dedicated to educational space, while maintaining the architectural integrity of the 80-year-old building. The house is now fitted with new wiring, plumbing, heating and air conditioning and a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen. A sprinkler system and fire safety alarm system were also installed.



A plaque in honor of Hartman's role in making the new home a reality.

The cure for the common chapter house

BY JOHN WEIR, PURDUE '01
Managing Director, National Housing Corporation

In 2001, SigEp's National Board of Directors adopted a 10-year strategic plan. One of its key elements addressed the need to significantly improve the living environments of the chapter houses our members call home. Simply put, our members are achieving a higher grade point average, our at-risk behavior is decreasing and our numbers are growing. The conclusion I draw is that if we want to continue to recruit a higher caliber man to our organization, then our housing has to be a reflection of those men.

Our challenge is that too many of our facilities are sub par and do not foster the ideals of SigEp. We are losing the opportunity to support the forward-thinking initiatives of the Fraternity when our housing is not up to par. So what's next? Our National Board of Directors has created an ambitious goal of doing 10 ribbon-cuttings per year. To get moving, in 2001 the Fraternity started working with groups that were poised to move forward. The result of this effort was significant.

In six years, our Alumni and Volunteer Corporations (AVCs) have purchased nine new chapter facilities and significantly renovated 18 existing chapter houses. To support this effort, local alumni have pledged more than \$16.5 million with more than \$8 million collected to date. Volunteers who have seen the progress have asked, "How do we undertake a major renovation?" In many of these projects, the AVC has taken charge, and with the help of the National Housing Corporation, executed their project in grand fashion.

Missouri-Columbia decided to gut and rebuild the house rather than sink money into deferred maintenance items in their 80-year old chapter house. Also,

the chapter was not living up to its potential. Twelve months before the chapter was to occupy the facility, the Missouri Alpha Chapter AVC pared down the membership and a new beginning was forged in Columbia. The result has been significant. The chapter moved into the facility this past August, and within 30 days were featured in the national news for their initiatives to demolish the frat-boy stereotype. In this case, they held their members to a higher expectation. The facility is alcohol- and substance-free, set up to be accredited as a Residential Learning Community, and much more to Missouri Alpha alumni.

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Projects like this clearly represent the crucial combination of a need for facility improvement and the determination of a volunteer group to drive a capital campaign. To create momentum across SigEp's real estate portfolio, the Fraternity, the Educational Foundation and the National Housing Corporation have

initiated a process to identify chapters that are good candidates to start their journey to a chapter house for the future. This initial group, expected to be about 20% of the Fraternity's portfolio, will be selected based on three criteria:

- 1. Need for a housing upgrade**
- 2. Volunteer strength**
- 3. Number of living alumni**

As they are identified, these chapters and Headquarters will partner over the coming years on realizing each chapter's vision for significant improvement. Some projects will take longer than others, but the idea is to help committed chapters get to the ribbon-cutting stage.

If you believe your chapter is a prime candidate for a significant improvement and has the volunteer support to see it through, please contact me for a consultation at john.weir@sigep.net. We have started the march to the best fraternity real estate portfolio. Are you ready to get in line?



The Missouri-Columbia house dedication (page 6) shows how much difference housing can make.

Colorado: SigEp's 10th chapter re-charters

BY WILLIAM TUCKER
Colorado '85

In 1904, Boulder, Colo., was chosen to be the location of SigEp's first chapter west of the Mississippi River. Over the next 94 years, the chapter at the University of Colorado overcame many challenges, including renting out their house at 1005 Broadway to the U.S. government during World War II when all of its members headed off to fight in Europe and the Pacific. In 1994, the chapter's charter was revoked after an alcohol-related event led to a fatality, and the chapter remained dormant until 2002.

In 1998, a group of dedicated local alumni reconstituted the alumni board. In 2001, SigEp's National Recruitment Committee visited Boulder to meet with men interested in starting a fraternity that is truly different on a campus filled with stereotypical "frat boys."



Colorado chapter house

Taylor "Sarge" Wetzberger, Colorado '04, was elected the first president to lead the chapter to regain its historic and storied charter. The next five years were filled with ups and downs. In 2004, Colorado celebrated the centennial of its founding. Colorado Alpha took off in fall 2006, ranking 10th for recruitment out of all SigEp chapters and colonies, with a recruitment class of 51. For five years as a Sigma Epsilon Chapter, its GPA has ranged from 3.2 to 3.5, twice recognized in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse.



Colorado brothers surround the original 1904 charter and their 2007 charter as they celebrate earning the name Colorado Alpha again.

Living the Balanced Man Ideal

With the Balanced Man Program (BMP), SigEp is leading the charge to eliminate hazing, the offense for which six fraternities have been kicked off campus in the last five years. The four challenges of the BMP (Sigma, Phi, Epsilon and Brother Mentor), coupled with the ideals of Sound Mind and Sound Body, have taken the chapter on hikes up the legendary Flatirons, down to Denver to see Led Zeppelin performed by the Denver Symphony, brother-led study tables and mentoring, and chapter-wide exercise competitions, just to name a few.

Volunteer support

Key to the chapter's success have been its volunteers. Colorado Alpha alumni have amassed more than \$100,000 of educational endowments—\$80,000 in the past year. Notable among endowments are the Willenbrock Scholarship, named for Kevin "Skip" Willenbrock, '81, and the Hickman Scholarship, created by Kent Hickman, '61. Both of these brothers represent two of the many tireless supporters of SigEp and Colorado Alpha.

Alumni in attendance at the chartering included Alumni Board President William Tucker, Colorado '85, Past President Bill Neidt, Kansas '73, John Dockstader, Florida State '86, and

Chapter Counselor Andrew Schneider, Colorado '06. At the time of its chartering, Colorado Alpha is 98 brothers strong and growing.

About the campus

The University of Colorado at Boulder was founded in 1876 and is located on 786 acres in Boulder, Colo., a picturesque city of 92,000 located 30 miles from Denver. Its buildings reflect Tuscan architecture, using Colorado Red sandstone and distinctive red-tile roofs. More than 30,000 students are supported by 9,000 faculty and staff in nine professional schools and colleges that offer more than 150 degree programs. Colorado's faculty boasts four Nobel professors and instructors and seven McArthur Fellows. Colorado is home to 26 fraternities and sororities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Original Founding Date: 1904

GPA: 3.2

Varsity Sports: Rugby, Soccer, Hockey

Buchanan cups: 3

Total Lifetime Members: 1918

Current Undergraduate Membership: 98

Oklahoma State overcomes challenges to charter again

BY TIM FORMAN
Oklahoma State '08

When I joined SigEp as a freshman in 2004, we were a group of around 40 men determined to build a Fraternity that would challenge Greek stereotypes and provide something better. After three years of hard work, we have proven successful.

Throughout the early 2000s, Oklahoma Alpha experienced a downturn in recruitment and membership standards. Oklahoma State Sigma Epsilon Chapter (SEC) was formed with a declining facility, a difficult financial position, a disenchanted Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) board, and most troubling of all, a damaged reputation on campus. Over the next year, former Chapter President **Matt Burckhalter, '07**, led the chapter to financial and structural stability. "We started with a vision of creating a different kind of Fraternity, and we were able to overcome the many challenges we faced."

Getting there wasn't easy, but we believed that this Fraternity could make a man better. We believed in and practiced the cardinal principals to create a Fraternity experience unlike any other on campus.

Year-round recruitment brought in men exhibiting our principles rather than those following the Greek stereotype. Developing all members to articulate our purpose and sharing that with friends on campus led to growing the chapter with quality members. In two years we recruited more than 80 men to be part of our "different Fraternity."

Called Oklahoma Alpha once again, the chapter received its charter in October. More than 250 members, alumni, volunteers, Headquarters staff and guests attended the banquet held at Wes Watkins Center in Stillwater, Okla. Grand President **Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70**, presented the charter.

*"We must become
the change we want
to see."*

— GANDHI

Living the Balanced Man Ideal

At the chartering banquet, I was proud to look back at our accomplishments over the past three years. Last semester we finished in the top three in intramural sports, and laid claim to four Ruck scholars, four OSU Wentz research scholars, the student body president and a freshman class that ranked first in grades. This semester, the chapter secured its position as a dominant fraternity after taking first place in the coveted Homecoming house decoration competition.

We have achieved this with Sound Mind and Sound Body development. The Balanced Man Program begins with a strong Sigma challenge and SigEp's EDGE new member program. It concludes with Brother Mentor to develop valuable career and life experiences. Another unique aspect of our program is a partnership with the university to earn a leadership certificate.

Alumni and volunteer support

Exceptional resident scholars Christina Wilson and Adam Cantley have supported the chapter, providing a living environment focused on student development.

As the challenges of significant debt and an unmotivated AVC board in 2004 loomed, Oklahoma State SEC reconnected

with local alumnus **Shane Crawford, '99**, who now serves as the chapter counselor. Crawford led an effort to provide direction and recruitment resources for the chapter. He is proof that a single alumnus can make a significant difference to a chapter's success.

We now have a strong AVC board, led by **Joe Rolston, '86**, committed to the chapter's ongoing success. Crawford and the AVC board are initiating a substantial capital campaign to build a new facility for Oklahoma Alpha.

About the campus

Founded as a land grant institution in 1890, the Oklahoma State University System provides educational opportunities for more than 32,700 students. The main campus in Stillwater, Okla., is set on 840 acres and has an enrollment of 23,500 students. The university supports an active Greek community consisting of 19 fraternities and 11 sororities.

BY THE NUMBERS

Originally Founded: **1920**

GPA: **3.19**

Varsity Sports: **Football**

Total Lifetime Members: **2,051**

Current Undergraduate Membership: **101**



Heartfelt singing and yelling ensued as Oklahoma State held up to close inspection and earned its charter once more last October.

How Lawrence Tech doubled its size

BY CHRISTOPHER T. MINNIS
Truman State '00

If you follow *The Journal*, you've noticed the emphasis on rainmakers. Does your chapter strive for a high GPA, the best intramurals teams, student leaders and the resources to make it happen? Rainmakers use the right tools to recruit enough of the right men.

This summer, you can gain the upper hand through the Balanced Man Scholarship (BMS) and summer recruitment (including deferred recruitment chapters). Recruitment is about making friends, and no one is prohibited from doing so. Even on smaller campuses, hard work can pay handsome rewards. Take Lawrence Technological University, Michigan Theta, for example.

In the top 25

Lawrence Tech is a selective, private institution of 2,680 students near Detroit, Mich. This fall, Michigan Theta dominated recruitment, landing among SigEp's top 25 recruiters with 30 men (the chapter's five-year average is 14). Chapter President **Vincent J. Daniele, '09**, credits great execution of the BMS and summer recruiting.

The chapter spent 25 percent of its budget on recruitment. But it wasn't just money that made recruitment work. A recruitment seminar taught members to understand what men want from a fraternity and whether or not they are a good fit for SigEp. That focus allowed brothers to be consistent: Join SigEp and contribute from day one. Join SigEp, and we'll help you achieve your goals.

Meet the parents

Using the BMS, the chapter conducted in-home interviews, ensuring that two brothers met with an applicant and his parents. The interviews were the best selling point of the whole process. "It was our chance to stress academics and leadership opportunities," Daniele said. "Parents bought that immediately." The chapter selected 11 finalists and turned all 11 into members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In addition, the chapter hosted a tour of Detroit, ultimate Frisbee games, barbecues and a joint recruitment event with the Western Michigan Chapter at a Detroit Tigers game. Forty recruits made it out for the game, giving both chapters a leg up in recruiting. These events provided informal opportunities to get to know potential members and evaluate if they were a good fit for SigEp.

Recruits do the recruiting

Yet, it was a creative idea turning recruits into recruiters that made the difference. The BMS finalists hosted a barbecue for potential members during formal recruitment. The chapter entrusted their recruiting efforts to those who would be most shaped by SigEp over the next four years. And they weren't even SigEps! Immediately, potential members saw what their experience could be and encouraged others to join.

Today, the difference is apparent. Chapter membership is at 60. "This is the largest we've ever been. With this many people, we can do so much more than we could before," Daniele said. "Now, we're able to do so many more things for campus. We're working to turn a portion of campus into a jogging path to promote healthy living. It really all started with a simple philosophy: Identify how SigEp can help people achieve their goals. We're doing that."



Rich Serra, '08, Troy Nuccio, '10, Chris Antovski, '09, Adam Dumas, '10, and Jake Waggoner, '09, took the initiative to repaint peeling sculptures of the number '75' across campus to commemorate Lawrence Tech's 75th anniversary. This type of campus involvement helps SigEps recruit community-minded men.

Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse



Sixty-eight chapters make up biggest PBK Wheelhouse ever

For the third consecutive semester, Sigma Phi Epsilon can see beyond 3.0 for its Fraternity-wide average. An impressive 68 chapters, the highest count ever, have achieved a GPA of 3.15 or above for the spring 2007 semester out of 192 reporting their grades to Headquarters. For the semester, 104 chapters can claim a GPA of 3.0 or better. Forty-seven SigEp chapters rank first on their campus in grades, and 73 are above the all-campus average. Unfortunately, 17 chapters fall below the 2.6 GPA baseline standard.

SPRING 2007	# OF CHAPTERS	TOTAL	PERCENT
Chapters above 3.00 GPA	104	192	54%
Chapters in Wheelhouse	68	192	35%
Chapters ranking #1 on campus	47	160	29%
Chapters above all-campus average	73	140	52%
Chapters below 2.60 GPA	17	192	9%

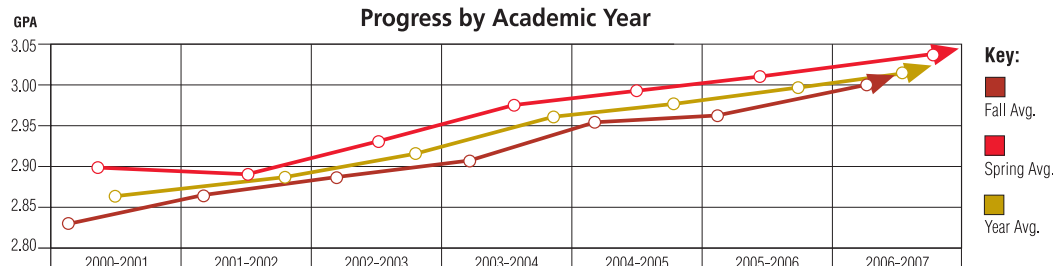
GPA			
All-member GPA	3.04	192	
All-BMP member GPA	3.05	122	
All-pledging member GPA	3.01	31	
All-RLC member GPA	3.19	30	

Spring 2007 GPA for 192 chapters reporting: 3.04

SCHOOL	GPA	RANK	MANPOWER
1. Dartmouth	3.61	1/14	93
2. MIT	3.56	n/a	29
3. Muhlenberg	3.51	1/4	34
4. Tufts	3.49	n/a	53
5. Bucknell	3.49	2/13	87
6. Northwestern*	3.44	5/15	105
7. Emory	3.44	n/a	18
8. Vanderbilt	3.44	1/21	58
9. Washington in St. Louis	3.43	3/12	80
10. Ohio State*	3.41	1/32	85
11. Stevens Tech*	3.406	1/11	47
12. Carnegie Mellon*	3.4	1/13	84
13. New York	3.4	n/a	17
14. Nebraska*	3.36	n/a	115
15. St. Mary's	3.35	1/5	19
16. American	3.35	1/13	30
17. Murray State	3.35	1/19	63
18. Drake*	3.34	1/8	93
19. North Dakota*	3.32	3/28	53
20. Georgia	3.32	n/a	114
21. Quinnipiac	3.32	1/13	66
22. Kentucky Wesleyan	3.31	n/a	24
23. Columbia	3.31	7/10	40
24. Florida	3.29	6/29	146
25. Washington	3.29	9/26	46
26. Valparaiso*	3.28	1/9	70
27. Richmond*	3.28	2/6	78
28. Lambuth*	3.28	1/3	34
29. Pennsylvania	3.28	19/28	38
30. Lehigh*	3.27	1/21	62
31. Maryland-College Park	3.27	3/23	56
32. Tulane	3.26	2/12	81
33. Washington and Lee	3.26	8/16	20
34. Creighton	3.26	3/5	72

SCHOOL	GPA	RANK	MANPOWER
35. Miami (Ohio)*	3.26	n/a	112
36. Indiana	3.26	3/28	48
37. Oregon State*	3.25	1/23	97
38. Minnesota*	3.25	2/10	38
39. Johns Hopkins	3.25	3/22	73
40. Oklahoma	3.24	1/17	174
41. Virginia Tech	3.24	17/43	104
42. Elon	3.24	1/7	79
43. Maine*	3.22	n/a	47
44. California-Berkeley	3.21	1/10	52
45. WPI	3.21	2/10	62
46. Texas Christian	3.21	n/a	132
47. Wisconsin-Platteville*	3.21	17/36	39
48. IIT	3.2	4/9	42
49. Washburn*	3.2	1/5	25
50. Samford	3.2	2/14	20
51. Colorado	3.2	1	80
52. Oklahoma State	3.19	4/19	79
53. Babson	3.19	1/4	43
54. Drexel	3.18	3/10	51
55. Davidson	3.18	1/7	85
56. Louisiana State*	3.18	2/23	94
57. Virginia	3.17	15/30	52
58. Southern California	3.17	12/19	75
59. Loyola Marymount	3.17	2/6	124
60. Cornell	3.17	25/46	24
61. Pennsylvania State	3.16	3/11	65
62. Villanova	3.16	n/a	48
63. Delaware	3.16	7/48	81
64. Florida Gulf Coast	3.16	7/48	42
65. Wisconsin*	3.16	9/23	122
66. Wichita State	3.15	1/6	55
67. Rider	3.15	n/a	31
68. Truman State	3.15	1/5	67

Key: 3.5 Chapter-wide
 GPA: Phi Beta
 Kappa Standard
 * Residential
 Learning
 Community
*Italics denote a
 Sigma Epsilon
 Chapter*





*A TAKE Defense class of 400
Kansas State women students listen
intently to defense tips.*

SigEp adopts TAKE Defense as national service learning partner

BY MARK ALLEN
Kansas '78

Delegates, voting unanimously at the 50th Conclave in Atlanta, adopted the Ali Kemp Educational Foundation and its TAKE Defense women's self-defense training courses as a partner in service learning. This approval allows chapters to conduct fundraising events and sponsor or host women's self-defense training classes on college campuses and in communities across the country.

Kathy and **Roger Kemp, Central Missouri State '70**, founded the Ali Kemp Educational Foundation in 2002 after their 19-year-old daughter, Ali, was brutally assaulted and murdered while working at a local swimming pool in the Kansas City suburb of Leawood, Kan. Within two weeks of her murder, the Kems had formed a plan to offer self-defense classes to women and girls. Starting in the Kansas City area, the TAKE Defense training team has now conducted classes in more than 300 locations, training more than 20,000 women from all 50 states.

"Our goal is to keep every girl or woman safe," said Kemp. "We started these classes so that every woman or girl can be prepared in case of the unlikely event of a sexual or physical assault."

The assault statistics for women attending college are shocking. In 2005, an estimated 374,000 sexual or physical

active in bringing this to the Kansas City area campuses, and now they are helping us expand the programs to other college campuses."

The resolution adopted at Conclave was introduced by Oklahoma State Chapter President **Eric Adkins, '08**, and co-sponsored by 18 other SigEp

"Our goal is to keep every girl or woman safe."

— Roger Kemp, Central Missouri State '70

assaults took place on college campuses, yet only about 16,000 were reported. Estimates indicate that one woman in four will be sexually or physically assaulted in her lifetime.

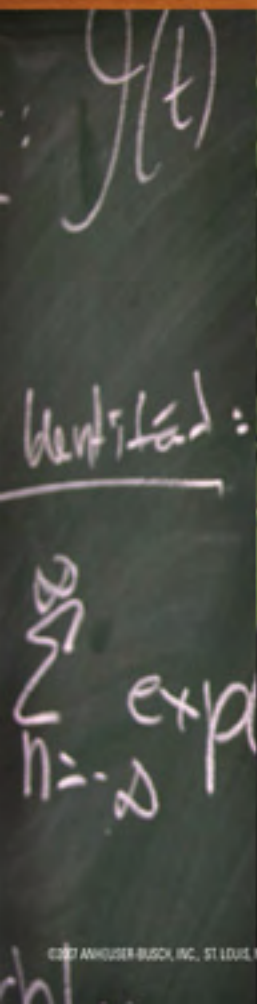
"I am so appreciative of my Fraternity brothers' generosity and help with the TAKE Defense fundraising and philanthropy work," said Kemp. "We think we can make a difference with the problems suffered on many college campuses today. In addition to this honor from SigEp, Pi Beta Phi (Ali's sorority) and Alpha Delta Pi (Kathy's sorority) have adopted the TAKE Defense program as educational learning philanthropies. They have been very

chapters. "Adopting the TAKE Defense program as a partner moves us to a whole new place," stated Adkins. "The program is really empowering to women."

To learn more about how to set up a TAKE Defense program on your campus or conduct a philanthropy event, go to **www.takedefense.org** or e-mail Mark Allen at **markdallen@everestkc.net**.



BE A LEADER. BE A BROTHER.
BE RESPONSIBLE.



Joining a fraternity is a fantastic way to get the most out of your collegiate experience. Just make sure you remember two important house rules: Don't drink if you're under 21. And if you choose to drink when you're of legal drinking age, please drink responsibly. Make the brotherhood last a lifetime.



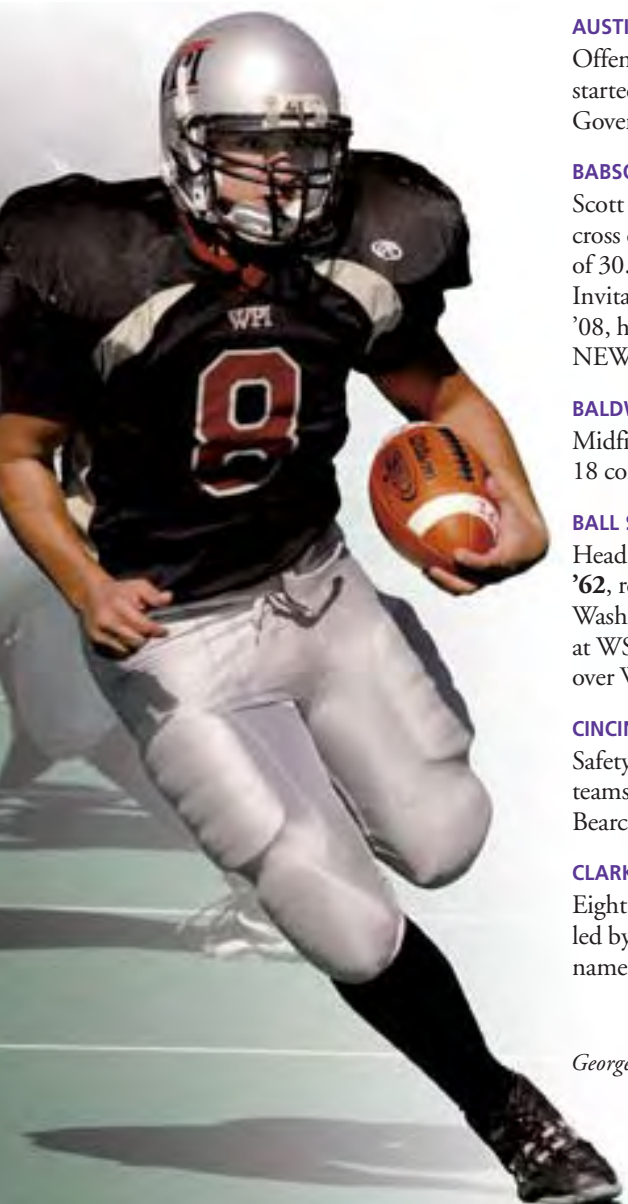
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Varsity athletes organized by school

BY JAY LANGHAMMER

With this issue of *The Journal*, we present a distinct new look in our coverage of SigEp collegiate athletes, pro players and coaches. We will now cover athletes in seasonal sports listed under their school name. This change, based on *Journal* reader feedback, allows readers to easily find sportsmen from their own chapters and other schools that may be of interest.

Each Spring issue's coverage will review SigEps in fall sports such as football, soccer, cross country and water polo. Coverage of winter sports such as basketball, swimming and wrestling will now appear in the Summer issue. Baseball, track and field, golf, tennis, lacrosse and other spring sports will be reviewed in the Fall issue. We encourage all chapters and alumni to send us names of their athletes for future reference.



AUSTIN PEAY

Offensive tackle Brandon Hufstetler, '08, started for the third year on the 7-4 Governors football squad.

BABSON

Scott Cormier, '08, was tri-captain of the cross country team and had a best 8K time of 30:37 at the UMass-Dartmouth Invitational. Teammate Patrick Socorro, '08, had his top 8K time of 29:49 at the NEWMAC championship.

BALDWIN-WALLACE

Midfielder Mike McCue, '08, appeared in 18 contests for the 9-6-4 soccer team.

BALL STATE

Head football coach Bill Doba, **Ball State '62**, resigned after his fifth season at Washington State. He had a 30-29 record at WSU, including a season-ending victory over Washington.

CINCINNATI

Safety Evan Sparks, '08, was a key special teams player in nine games for the 9-3 Bearcats football team.

CLARKSON

Eight SigEps saw action for the soccer team, led by captain David Jette, '08, who was named to the *ESPN The Magazine*

George Chyoghly, Worcester Tech '08

Co-SIDA All-District 1 Academic Team. Starting 14 games in goal was Johnathon Rushing, '08, who posted 68 saves and a 1.76 goals against average. Also playing were goalie Mike St. Croix, '09, Kevin Martens, '09, Scott Markgraf, '09, Nick Kulp, '08, and Andrew Cahill, '08.

DARTMOUTH

Two SigEp runners did well for the cross country squad. Kevin Treadway, '11, was 11th at the 8K Dartmouth Invitational; 11th (25:39.80) at the Keatinge Invitational five-mile event; ran an 8K time of 24:51 at the NCAA Pre-Meet; placed 46th at the Ivy/Heps meet; and finished 49th at the NCAA District I 10K meet. Teammate Alex Hall, '10, placed 12th at the Dartmouth Invitational and was 40th at the Ivy/Heps meet.

DAVIDSON

At the National Collegiate Croquet Tournament, David Orsbon, '09, and his partner won the two-man title in a 7-4 victory over Navy in the final match.



David Jette, Clarkson '08



Dennison head football coach Nick Fletcher, Johns Hopkins '76

DELAWARE

The Division I-A playoff football team included tight end Chris Hyncik, '10, and defensive back Joe Banaciski, '11. West Chester University head coach Bill Zwaan, **Delaware '76**, completed his fifth season at the school with an 8–2 mark.

DENISON

Seeing starting duty for the 10–6–1 soccer squad were midfielder Andy Leindecker, '08, who scored six points; midfielder Aaron Libman, '08, who had five points; and defenseman Ben Sopp, '10.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

Having a great year for the 12–6–3 soccer team was All-Missouri Valley second teamer Adam Gartner, '09, who was named MVC Defensive Player of the Week and to two men's Teams of the Week in mid-September. He was also awarded *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V honors. Gartner ranked second on the team with nine assists. Also playing was teammate Ari Horing, '10.

ILLINOIS TECH

Goalie Nathan Woods, '08, and defenseman Daniel Votipka, '10, were members of the IIT soccer team. Seeing action for the cross country squad was Kevin Krupp, '09.

JOHNS HOPKINS

Completing his eighth season as head football coach at Denison was Nick Fletcher, **Johns Hopkins '76**.

KANSAS

Defensive end Richard Alspaugh, '09, was a member of the high-ranked Jayhawks football team.

LAMBUTH

At the Lambuth invitational cross country meet, Andrew Bonell, '09, placed third; Thayne Wright, '11, was fifth; and Nathan McKellips, '11, finished sixth. Members of the football team were tight end Aaron Ingalls, '10, offensive lineman Bobby Ingalls, '11, and wide receivers Adam Marshall, '11, and Ryan Pratt, '11.

LAWRENCE

Starting for the soccer squad were midfielder T.J. Frett, '10, and defenseman

Nico Walker, '10. Runners Will Muessing, '09, and Chris Rollins, '10, competed at the Midwest Conference cross country meet.

M.I.T.

Leading the Engineers to a 10th straight NEWMAC cross country championship were sixth-place finisher Jack Bourbonnais, '10, who had his best time of 26:33.30, and Kevin Kleinguetl, '11, who was 19th (27:19.70).

MIAMI (FLORIDA)

Defensive back Dan Warren, '10, was a member of the Hurricanes football squad.

MIAMI (OHIO)

Kevin Silver, '09, had another outstanding year in cross country and had a best 8K

Scholar Athlete Focus

SigEp takes national men's singles title

BY BRIAN SHAWN
North Dakota '02

John Watts, Washington in St. Louis '10, has had quite a year. As a freshman, Watts took the Division III tennis scene by storm, winning the men's singles title. "I was the number-one seed in the national tournament, but not really the outright favorite," Watts said. "I played well and won the championship match in three sets."

Freshman are not allowed to join fraternities at Washington in St. Louis until the spring semester. Watts was busy with tennis, so he waited until the fall semester of his sophomore year to look at Greek life. "I really enjoyed the recruitment events and the guys in the Fraternity," Watts added. "SigEp was a good place for me."

Watts is a systems engineering/economics major and holds a 3.20 GPA. He's the philanthropy chair of his new member class and is helping plan an event with the Make-A-Wish foundation. "I am still new to the Fraternity, but I have really enjoyed the brotherhood." Watts said.

As for his chances of repeating as Division III national champion? "I am very excited about my chances and the team's chances at getting a national title in the spring," Watts added.



John Watts, Washington in St. Louis '10, wins the men's singles title in Division III.

SigEp Champions

Complementing the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

BY RYAN BLANCK

Western Michigan '02

Director of Health and Wellness

The Balanced Man Ideal, living a life of Sound Mind and Sound Body, is based on an ancient Greek philosophy. The Greeks believed that the body is the vessel for the mind, and that without caring for your whole being (mind *and* body) you cannot fully develop personal balance.

In 1999, SigEp launched the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse to recognize academic performance of chapters that achieve a 3.15 GPA or greater. SigEp's national GPA was 2.78 and 16 chapters boasted the minimum. This initiative created an academic focus that has driven our scholastic success. Today, 68 chapters are in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse and our national GPA is 3.04.

To complement our academic chapter ranking, SigEp is introducing SigEp Champions. This initiative will be a partner to balance academic accomplishments as we track our chapters that are overall intramural champions. Scan the chart below to review the first list of SigEp Champions. Don't see your chapter on the list? Go for it! Know some guys in a winning chapter? Congratulate them!

2006-2007 Overall Intramural Champions

Cal Poly-Pomona	Florida Atlantic	South Florida
Cal Poly-SLO	Illinois State	Stetson
Cal State-Northridge	Memphis	Texas Christian
Central Arkansas	Morehead State	Valparaiso
Colorado	Murray State	Washburn
Eastern Washington	Nebraska Omaha	Washington in St. Louis
Evansville	Oregon State	Wichita State
Florida	Quinnipiac	

time of 25:03 at the Pre-National meet. He placed second at the Great American Legends Race; was fourth at the Dayton Flyer 5K Challenge; finished 11th at the George Mason Invitational; placed 15th (25:31) at the Mid-American Conference 8K championship; and was 59th at the NCAA Great Lakes regional.

MISSOURI-ROLLA

Ten SigEps were on the football team, led by starting tight end Bryan Crider, '09, the third-leading receiver with 29 receptions for 433 yards, and three-year starting offensive tackle James Smith, '08. Also seeing significant action were offensive guard John Krumme, '09, and defensive lineman Chris Norgren, '09.

MONMOUTH

Four SigEps were standouts for the soccer team. Goalie Owen Robinson, '10, had 115 saves and a goals against average of 1.81. He was Midwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week, as was defenseman Josh Graeber, '09, who played in 15 games. All-Midwest Conference second team midfielder Trevor Neff, '08, was co-scoring leader with nine points and Joseph Schwinger, '10, got into 13 games.

MORAVIAN

Leading the football team in receiving was All-Centennial Conference second teamer Sean Hill, '08, who had 32 catches for 608 yards and eight touchdowns. Rushing for 183 yards was tailback Anthony Falco, '10,



Matt Eby, Tri-State '08

while Ryan Rempe, '10, was second team quarterback. Also on the football squad were wide receiver Steve Strohl, '08, and offensive lineman Scott Friedman, '10.

MOREHEAD STATE

Washington Nationals relief pitcher Jon Rauch, **Morehead State '00**, led major league baseball with 88 appearances and ranked third in the American League with 32 holds. He had an 8-4 record, four saves and a 3.61 earned run average with 71 strikeouts in 87.3 innings pitched.

NEBRASKA

Playing a key role for the Cornhuskers football team was Jake Wesch, '08, who served as holder for place kicks for the second straight year. For his outreach work in the Lincoln community, he has been named to the school's Brooks Berringer Citizen Team for the past three years.

OREGON

Starting at middle linebacker for one of the nation's top football teams was John Bacon, '08. He posted 42 tackles and had a 49-yard interception return through the first nine games before a knee injury sidelined him for the rest of the season.

OREGON STATE

Playing on special teams in every game for the Beavers football team was safety Austin Hall, '09. Serving as assistant head coach was Jay Locey, **Oregon State '77**, who worked with tight ends and running backs.

Johnathon Rushing,
Clarkson '08

Scholar Athletes

PENNSYLVANIA

Competing again for the Quakers football squad was defensive end Robert Eroh, '08.

RICHMOND

First baseman Sean Casey, **Richmond '96**, had another good season for the Detroit Tigers, batting .296 (134 of 453) with 30 doubles, four homers and 54 runs batted in. Over 11 big league seasons and 1,336 games, he has a career average of .301 with 130 homers and 718 runs batted in.

SAMFORD

Chapter President Caleb Foust, '08, R.J. Harden, '09, and Neel Robb, '10, were members of the club soccer team.

TEXAS

Quarterback Matt McCoy, '08, continued as a member of the Longhorns football team.

TRI-STATE

Six SigEps were regulars on the football team, led by All-MIAA second team linebacker Matt Eby, '08, who ranked second with 82 tackles, including a high of 16 versus Olivet. Other key defenders were linebacker Joe Curtis, '09 (56 tackles), and lineman Dan Chase, '08 (34 stops).

Starting on offense were linemen Nicholas Johns, '08, and Darrin Taylor, '08. Punter Nathaniel Fitzsimmons, '09, was named to the All-MIAA second team and ranked 44th in NCAA Division III with a 38.9 average.



PHOTO BY STEVE CONN

Morgan Locke, Yale '08

His longest was 65 yards, and 17 boots were downed inside the 20-yard line.

TRUMAN STATE

Key contributors to the 10-7-2 soccer team were midfielder Drew Vogt, '08, midfielder Nick Cepicky, '08, and defenseman Nick Zarkadis, '09.

VALPARAISO

Midfielder Yuuki Guzman, '09, played 15 contests for the soccer team, and linebacker Marco Porcelli, '10, was a good football special teams player in 10 contests.

VANDERBILT

Linebacker Dom Morais, '08, continued as a member of the Commodores football squad.

WASHINGTON IN ST. LOUIS

Key starters for the football team were All-University Athletic Association first team offensive tackle Nate Frogge, '09, and defensive lineman Chris Rhodes, '08, who had 33 tackles. Also seeing action were tight end Dan Liebetreu, '08, and linebacker Young Hu, '10.

WESTMINSTER

Defensive lineman Matt Jaworski, '09, started every game and posted 44 tackles. Malen Luke, **Westminster '76**, was

Northwood University's offensive coordinator for the second season.

WORCESTER TECH

Thirty-two SigEps were on the football squad, including co-captain/offensive lineman Steve Feroli, '08. Quarterback Rob Pantalone, '08, completed 100 of 203 passes for 1,532 yards and 14 TDs while rushing for 354 yards and four scores. The top runner was All-Liberty League first team fullback George Chyoghly, '08, with 565 yards and seven TDs. Offensive lineman Justin Pollard, '10, was on the All-Liberty second team. Wide receiver Orry Cummings, '08, caught 25 passes for 500 yards and four scores. Second team QB Justin Wells, '09, hit 36 of 66 for 494 yards and four TDs. Winning All-Liberty first team honors on defense were the top two tacklers, linebacker Matt Boudreau, '08 (82 tackles), and back Andrew Sides, '09 (69 stops, six interceptions for 140 yards). Back Chris Boudreau, '10, led with nine breakups, made 55 tackles and did the punting. Other defenders were back Dustin Bradway, '08 (41 stops); back Adam Haines, '08 (27 tackles); and back Nick Ambrosino, '08 (21 tackles).

YALE

Competing at the summer Pan-American Games were Kieran Locke, **Yale '06**, and Morgan Locke, '08, who were on the U.S. Virgin Islands swimming squad, plus squash player Julian Illingworth, **Yale '06**, who was on the U.S. national team. The Locke brothers both finished 16th in their individual events and swam on all three Virgin Islands relay teams, which finished in the top 10. Illingworth earned a silver medal after going to the squash finals. Defenseman Matt Perille, '08, was a member of the soccer team.



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Hiring your personal virtual trainer

BY MARION WEBB

American Council on Exercise

Some people go to the gym to meet their personal trainers. Others bring their personal trainers with them on their iPods or invite them into their homes through their computers.

Originally created for serious athletes by the likes of Lance Armstrong's personal coach Chris Carmichael, online training systems have leapt into the mainstream.

"Online, virtual and distance-based training is growing rapidly and becoming a viable alternative to face-to-face training for a variety of users," said Gregory Florez, founder and chief executive of First Fitness Inc., a Salt Lake City, Utah-based personal training and fitness consulting company.

The prospect of cashing in on that trend hasn't escaped those less than qualified to give exercise advice. To better your odds of working with a safe and effective trainer, the American Council on Exercise (ACE) has tapped two fitness experts to weigh the pros and cons of virtual vs. live personal training.

When shopping for trainers or exercise programming on the computer, the first thing consumers should look for are credentials: An exercise science degree, certification by a fitness organization accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and continuing education or specialty training.

One such provider is Declan Condon, co-founder of PumpOne.com, which specializes in workout programs. Condon worked as a strength and conditioning coach, physical education instructor, personal trainer and manager before starting PumpOne.com in 2005.

Since then the exercise library has grown to more than 1,500 workout programs (from \$19 a workout) for all types and exercise levels, including



strength, endurance and sports conditioning exercise.

Condon says the program is similar to Apple's iTunes music store where people buy a program, open up an e-mailed link, install the program and then download it to their computer or handheld device.

By contrast, Carmichael Training Systems (www.trainright.com), Chris Carmichael's venture, and Multisports.com, co-founded and supported by eight-time Ironman triathlon champion Paula Newby-Fraser, predominantly target serious exercisers and endurance athletes. Their training camps and coached training plans offer cyclists, triathletes and other dedicated workout-aholics a detailed road map from the starting line of a race to an Ironman finish.

Experts attribute the online surge to the relatively low cost of downloads compared to \$40-\$100 hourly rates for live personal training. Other pluses include the convenience and wide



variety of online exercise programming. Florez also finds that these programs tend to have broad appeal with folks who aren't gym members, prefer exercising on their own time and have hectic schedules.

Among the downsides of virtual training are that even the best programs are limited in their ability to provide motivation, and client technique is not monitored under the watchful eye of a skilled trainer. Most experts agree that novice exercisers especially need the one-on-one feedback and support system of a live trainer. Florez recommends that new exercisers shop for products featuring streaming video or other visual guides regarding proper exercise movement techniques to reduce their risk of injury.

SigEp has partnered with the American Council on Exercise (ACE) to provide health and wellness information to its members. SigEp members have direct access to the ACE Web site for health and fitness information, exercise research, trends, tools and products. ACE also provides SigEp with discounts on health education materials and certification exams. Find out more at www.acefitness.org.

*“Leadership is the capacity to translate
vision into reality.”*

— BENJAMIN DISRAELI

Leading *in the* World's Communities



BY TRAVIS SWANSON
Kansas State '06
Director of Leadership Development

At SigEp, we don't just talk about building balanced leaders for the world's communities, we do it. The profiles that follow reveal leaders ranging from their early 20s to their 80s. They represent business, academics, the arts and community service. Some have used their skills and gifts to the world's advantage; others have emerged from a nightmare to live their dreams.

What do they have in common? How does SigEp capture the essence of leadership and help cultivate the knowledge, beliefs and experiences that allow our college men to lead in the world's communities?

The lessons of leadership we focus on throughout the Leadership Continuum can be crystallized into three areas:

Make values recognizable. Seal the bond between personal values and SigEp values, and then consciously follow them. Enlist other men in SigEp's mission.

Set personal goals, create a plan to meet them and use them as a way to reflect on your progress.

Take care of yourself, your mind and your body, to be a role model to others. Ultimately, the best leaders understand and respect themselves.

As you read these profiles in leadership, look for these lessons.

The Leadership Continuum is designed to provide repeated insights and lessons so undergraduates can grasp the behaviors, tools and best practices that allow them to lead. This leadership development program will expand over the next few years to impact as many undergraduates as possible. The National Leadership Committee has voted to expand the Ruck Leadership Institute to include a member from every chapter, a 60 percent increase. We have set a goal to include 75 percent of new members in EDGE by 2011; it's now at 45 percent.

So we're not just talking, we're doing. That's what leadership is about.



As Ali's "Fight Doctor," he was just warming up The many lives of Ferdie Pacheco

BY THOMAS B. JELKE, PH.D.
Florida International '90

Countless SigEp brothers have reached the pinnacles of both leadership and success in multiple fields. Precious few have achieved greatness in as many fields as **Ferdie Pacheco, M.D., Florida '50**. Pacheco has been a pharmacist, Air Force second lieutenant, practicing physician, fight doctor for a dozen boxing

champions (including Muhammad Ali), Emmy Award-winning sports commentator, nationally renowned artist, screenwriter, author, historian and even Tampa's Hispanic Man of the Year. He is also a proud member of SigEp.

The moment I walk into his Miami home, I am

greeted warmly by Pacheco and his wife, Luisita. On a tour that highlights the art he has created and collected, he passionately recounts the stories behind each. His personality is as colorful as his works. I can't help but notice that he calls several of them his favorite. When the tour is over, we sit in his living room,

and Ferdie the storyteller emerges. I am mesmerized over the next four hours as he outlines some of the highlights of his life.

Pacheco was born and raised in Tampa, Fla., and calls himself "an American of Spanish descent." He had two great influences in his youth: his grandfather and his father.

Pacheco's art represents a lifelong passion but is only his latest career. He painted these portraits of '40s bandleader Artie Shaw (left) and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, two men he deeply admires.

“My grandfather taught me to have an appreciation of culture and intelligence. He helped me understand that it was crucial to learn and teach as much as possible. My father taught me how to be charitable and to be compassionate toward others in need.” Those influences would shape Pacheco’s character for the rest of his life, including his time in the Fraternity.

He started college at the University of Tampa, but became a SigEp at the University of Tennessee. He was only 16. Pacheco’s eyes light up when he talks about his first memories of the campus and the chapter. “I fell in love with Tennessee. I was struck by the hills leading up to the chapter house at 1533 Laurel Avenue. I was so impressed with being rushed by those men and with their principles that I never forgot the address to that house... and I’ve lived in many houses in my life. The ceremonies were beautiful—so romantic and intriguing. I was on a cloud. I really loved being in the Fraternity. I loved that heart badge with the pearls.” He pauses and touches his shirt where the badge would normally be pinned, and continues, “I don’t have it anymore; my ex-wife accidentally threw it away.”

Pacheco left Tennessee not too long after his initiation. He transferred to Spring Hill



Pacheco's studio is an explosion of color. He painted Muhammad Ali, top right, after mending Ali ringside for almost 15 years. Pacheco was portrayed by Paul Rodriguez in the 2001 film Ali, starring Will Smith.

College in Alabama to accompany his brother who was beginning school, but his love for the Fraternity remained strong. “I was crushed to leave. I so wanted to be a part of it. I kept going back to Tennessee during the summers, mainly because of Sigma Phi Epsilon.” Pacheco later went to Pharmacy School at the University of Florida, and lived at the SigEp house during his time there. He completed his schooling at the University of Miami, where he received his medical degree in 1958. That is when his rise to fame began.

Pacheco opened a charity medical clinic in Overtown, a district in Miami, Fla., and became connected with the 5th Street Gym. All of the boxers associated with the gym became his patients, and he earned his

moniker, “The Fight Doctor.” “I had wanted to be a doctor since the age of 14. It was a passion of mine. I never wanted the fame and notoriety, but once I got it, it appealed to me. Maybe too much.” Fame and fortune did enter Pacheco’s life, mainly through his work with Muhammad Ali, but that did not get in the way of Pacheco’s principles. A virtuous man, Pacheco has always remained committed to service and charity. He recalled stuffing station wagons full of groceries and delivering them to people in need for Christmas. He also described the countless times he gave away his medical expertise while working in Overtown.

Pacheco is impressed that service has become a standard part of chapter life. “It was a bit of a country club atmosphere

back then, and [a service component] is an example of what was missing. I am glad to hear that the Fraternity places a bigger emphasis on service now. I really appreciate that. There is always a need to serve other people. Being charitable is always a source of pleasure for me. People aren’t always thankful, but it is important. It was a part of how I grew up and part of how I have lived.”

He also didn’t shy away from making a tough decision. In 1982, Pacheco stopped serving as Muhammad Ali’s fight doctor despite the fame and riches that came with the job. “I’m a doctor and I’m concerned with safety and saving lives. My main guy wanted to keep fighting even though I saw the damage being done and advised him to stop. I couldn’t be a part of it. It was about doing the right thing, not the easy thing, not the popular thing. It would have gone against all of my principles to stay.”

During a break, as I hold one of his Emmy Awards and admire another one of his vibrant paintings, I begin to appreciate his passion and work ethic. Pacheco’s diligence is tangible in his awards and in his paintings, books and articles. I can also see it in his attitude. “I hate wasting time. I’ve always had goals and objectives. It drives me crazy to be idle or to not have aspirations.

PACHECO’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Best Latin American Artist, Le Centre Cultural Paul-Dumail de Tonneins, France Best Colorist, Musee de Luxembourg, Paris
- 27 painting exhibitions since 1983
- Sold more than \$2 million in oil paintings
- 16 books published, including three novels and a cookbook
- 25 years as a boxing commentator for NBC and Showtime
- Winner of two Emmy Awards
- Private medical practice for 20 years; charity clinic in Overtown (Miami, Fla.); fight doctor to hundreds of boxers and 12 boxing champions, including Muhammad Ali
- Written and/or performed in one play and eight movies
- Hispanic Man of the Year, Tampa, Fla., 2007

It has kept me moving in the right direction. I find things I want to do and I work hard at them.” Although he also keeps busy writing books and articles, his current passion is his artwork. In fact, he and Luisita were packing up several pieces in their Miami home for an exhibition as we spoke.

So, what advice does he have for undergraduate members of the Fraternity? “If done correctly, fraternity life can be a very beautiful thing, close to a perfect society. Learn and experience as much as you can. Become a useful member of the chapter. Take what you learn in the Fraternity—the principles, the teamwork, the camaraderie and the skills—and maximize that for later in life. It becomes a part of you once you learn how to do it. That is the bottom line. It will help you later on in life.”

Pacheco suffered a stroke in 2003, but that does not seem to have slowed him down at all. Though he is 80 years old, he has the heart and energy of a man 40 years younger. “I am fresh and full of ideas. I give myself another five years, but with the Gators winning it all last year, I’ll accept less. I’ve seen it all now!” After a short time with him, I believe that Pacheco will continue to inspire us for many years (and possibly Gator championships) to come.

I returned to Pacheco’s home a few days later to take some pictures. I also brought him a gift: a pearl badge I had been given when I was president of my chapter. A leader who truly exemplifies the cardinal principles and the concept of the balanced man should have one. The delight in his face was my favorite part of the whole experience.

Former Alcan President Travis Engen

Understanding differences is key to leading

BY BENJAMIN Y. LOWE
Columbia ’01

D. Travis Engen, MIT ’65, led two multibillion-dollar companies, prepared in some measure by his engineering degree in aeronautics and astronautics. But he considers himself more of a “people engineer.”

In a wide-ranging interview about his career and his views on necessary traits for today’s college students, the former chief executive of Canadian aluminum manufacturer Alcan said the key to his success was being able to motivate people and lead by example. Today’s leaders, he said, need to be comfortable in ambiguous situations and need to recognize that different people respond to each other in different ways.

“I always felt business was one of the ultimate experiences in nonstructured problem-solving,” he said. “The first thing is to learn what’s going on. You have to figure out what the problems are and what you are going to work on.”

Engen says his fraternity experience was the first time he dealt with issues where there was no clear hierarchy. As a co-op student, he followed a different semester



Travis Engen, MIT ’65, served as president and CEO of Alcan Inc., an aluminum manufacturer and supplier of packaging materials, from 2001 until 2006. Between 1995 and 2001, Engen was chairman and chief executive of ITT Industries, Inc., a diversified manufacturing company.

pattern and was not always around, but he did lead a new member drive during a recruiting season.

“It was very clear to me that college is the first experience most people have in an unstructured environment

with peers,” he said. “With our case at SigEp at MIT, there was no house mother, no other adult. It was totally self-governed, so being able to figure out how that could work was an important set of life lessons.”

Engen won the Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation at last summer's Conclave in recognition for his success in leading ITT Corp., the New York multi-industry firm, and Alcan.

"People will learn in different ways, people respond to others in very different ways. If you aspire to be a leader of people you, at some level, understand that people are different. You have to be demanding with some people while with others all you have to be is an effective role model."

In five years at Alcan, Engen grew annual revenue from \$9 billion to \$20 billion. He also served three U.S. presidents on the Defense Manufacturing, Science and Business boards

In his "retirement," Engen has focused his leadership efforts on upholding corporate responsibility in ways that create shareholder value and sustain societies and economies.

and the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

Engen worked at ITT for 16 years, until 2001. He then went to Alcan, retiring in 2006. At Alcan he created the Alcan Prize for Sustainability, which grants \$1 million each year to a nongovernmental organization.

Engen describes the prize as "an annual award to recognize not-for-profit, nongovernmental and civil society

organizations that are doing great work every day, at the grassroots level, to make our world a better place. It's our way of emphasizing our belief that the goals of sustainability are best served when we all work together."

Engen has continued to push the agenda of sustainable development as he did at Alcan. In his "retirement," Engen has focused his leadership efforts on upholding corporate responsibility in

ways that create shareholder value and sustain societies and economies.

He served as chairman of two organizations that press hard on sustainability issues. The Prince of Wales' International Business Leaders Forum promotes responsible business practices that benefit business and society, including social, economic and environmentally sustainable development, particularly in emerging economies. He continues to serve on its board.

He has just completed a two-year stint as chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. This role has allowed him to spearhead this CEO-led, global association of 200 companies that develop policy, share knowledge and make the case for business growth that generates profits while helping societies make progress in their quality of life.

Engen's broad leadership role on the international stage has been complemented in his career by his emphasis on listening carefully to the people around him.

"I have had the good fortune to work with or for very capable people throughout my life," he said. "There are always times when one person will see something differently and have a different idea. Effective leadership taps into that. Nobody is omniscient."



Princess Zahra Aga Khan receives the 2005 Alcan Prize for Sustainability, in Vancouver, B.C., on behalf of the Aga Khan Planning and Building Service, Pakistan. Left to right: Robert Davies, managing director of International Business Leaders Forum, and Travis Engen, MIT '65, then president and CEO of Alcan.



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Randy Curry, Utah '96, and his wife, Stacey

Overcoming personal adversity to lead a balanced life

BY RICHARD FOUTS
Utah '74

Living a balanced life can be especially tough if you work in the financial services industry. Just ask **Randy Curry, Utah '96**, who dove in at companies like Fidelity Investments, and now Goldman Sachs, after graduating with a bachelor's degree in business and marketing.

“The Wall Street culture often encourages long, grueling hours, and our new analysts exemplify that,” he said. “I’ve certainly been

there, done that. But for me, higher performance comes from a balanced life that includes family, friends and my love of sports. Overall, I think of myself as balanced, but also fairly average.”

Balanced, yes. But average? Hardly. Eighteen years ago, while a pledge at Utah Beta, Curry was in a car accident that left him paralyzed. One of his friends died; three others walked away unharmed. Today, Curry lives life from a wheelchair. As he looks back at the accident, which was followed by a

rigorous nine-month rehabilitation program, he “decided right then to pick up where I had left off, to resume living my life with the same expectations I’d always had.”

Unlike many in his situation, Curry never had a dark day or experienced any serious depression from the enormous challenge that life had dealt him. How did he do it? He can’t really put his finger on it, but Curry is quick to acknowledge his good fortune. “There were people around me that had

sustained worse injuries such as quadriplegia and brain damage. Everywhere I looked, there were people worse off than me. After my accident I never had a moment of feeling sorry for myself. I just got to work and never looked back,” he said.

“I had participated in a few activities with the SigEp members and intended to join that fall. After the accident, even though I wasn’t a member yet, several members made visits while I was in rehab, and they reassured me that I was welcome to join when I was ready. Their friendship and initiative during that time really impressed me, and I knew I wanted to be associated with this group of guys.

“I was raised by a single mother, who was too proud to ever accept any help,” he continued. “She’s probably the origin of my ethic for hard work. And I owe a lot to my wife. She makes me a better person.”

Naturally, people see Curry as an inspiration. But he has a different take: “I do some volunteer work at the University Hospital, and once in a while I’ll get a telephone call from someone who has read my story and looks to me for inspiration. It always surprises me because I don’t think of myself that way. I just did what I had to do.”



America's Castles commentator brings architecture to life Virginia's Richard Guy Wilson

BY GAY-LYNN CARPENTER, EDITOR

Richard Guy Wilson, Ph.D., Colorado '63, bespectacled and bow-tied, answers the door of his home in Charlottesville, Va. He waves me in with a welcom-

ing hand. I recognize his warm, intelligent face from many episodes of A&E Network's *America's Castles*, and I've just been invited into his living room.

Wilson's rambling ranch house is filled with art. Folk paintings, portraits, modern furniture, sculpture, wall hangings. Despite their diversity, the pieces somehow

make up a collection, a history of Wilson's life: a painting of his mother; a portrait of a beloved black Lab, Tioga; and a table and chairs designed by R. M. Schindler, the famous architect who built Wilson's parents' "radically modern" Los Angeles home. Interspersed among these pieces are treasured items of folk art from across the country and beyond.

A lifetime of leadership in learning

For more than 30 years, Wilson has taught architectural history at the University of Virginia and has served as the department chair. He is a widely published author and an in-demand lecturer. His academic honors, among them a Guggenheim fellowship, prizes for distinguished writing, an honorary membership in the American Institute of Architects and the university's outstanding professor award, speak to his leadership and stature in his field.

His enthusiasm for teaching, commenting on and studying architecture has not waned. When he received his outstanding professor award, Wilson explained the essence of his philosophy: "A basic creed informs my teaching, a sort of Boy Scout's oath: be prepared, be good, be accurate, have humor, do not browbeat and give. High standards are crucial; you want students to reach further than they would on their own, but not crash."

In the early '60s, Wilson was president of his chapter at the University of Colo-

rado, where he got his first taste of leadership and speaking in front of a group, skills that would serve him well later in life. “Being president gave me a certain confidence since I had to stand up and speak to people, and I had to learn to listen to many points of view.”

As one of only two Democrats out of 60-odd men, “we did have spirited political debates which were good for us. It was good to have to learn to defend your opinion,” Wilson recalled fondly.

Architectural history: Ready for prime time

Lecturing across the country and writing gave Wilson a high profile in architectural circles. When Scott Galloway from a Knoxville, Tenn., production company went to some fancy houses on vacation, he developed the idea of a TV show on the great houses in America. He started looking for an on-air expert. When he called the American Institute of Architects, Wilson was the man they recommended. Sixty-seven episodes later, Wilson has established himself as a fixture by explaining the interesting details and larger significance of America’s most impressive residences.

Wilson is especially pleased to be able to provide insight about the impact of architecture on our lives to new and broader audiences. “In academia, we tend to talk to ourselves too much,” he said. “I can write all the books I want and speak in all different places, but with TV, you really reach people.”

Through shows like *America’s Castles*, *American*

Experience and others, he has the opportunity to ignite the curiosity of those beyond the collegiate setting.

He recounts an e-mail he received from a budding architectural historian and how a local man in Montgomery, Ala., recognized him in an elevator as “the guy on that TV show,” who discusses architectural topics with both simplicity and sophistication.

Another elevator moment came at the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, considered the first modern skyscraper in the United States. Now a boutique hotel, the building is often a subject in Wilson’s classes. A previous student got on the elevator, and said, “I came to see this building because I took your class!”

Finding focus took time

Wilson did not always have such a singular focus. Finding his passion was hard earned. His first year at Colorado was less than stellar. He took a year to regroup and returned to school with new determination, earning a degree in history. He went on to law school. “I absolutely hated it and dropped out.” His next stop was the Navy Reserves and officer candidate school in Newport, R.I. He ended up on a destroyer and served in Vietnam, the Middle East and Far East. “It was good because it provided me with a hiatus to figure out what the heck I wanted to do with myself.”

Having a home port in Newport proved fortuitous for the future architectural expert as he started to pay attention to the gorgeous



Wilson recounts his career on the back porch of his Charlottesville, Va., home. His authoritative commentary is appreciated across the country on shows like America’s Castles.

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buildings in that city. It made him realize that “I’ve always been interested in this stuff,” only then understanding that his parents’ love of modern architecture had sneaked into his psyche. While there, he met his wife, Ellie. A Boston native, she is also in academia and helped Wilson follow his passion. They raised two daughters, Kristina, an art history professor, and Abby, a social worker.

He went on to get his master’s and Ph.D. from Michigan, focusing on the history of art and architecture. After a brief stint at Iowa State, he came to Virginia, one of the most historically significant campuses in the country.

Wilson believes that some architecture can rise to the level of symbolism that “may influence for the better, that can inspire us through subtle or overt messages.” He cites the Lincoln Memorial as an example of a national statement about civil rights that was “very, very controversial when it was dedicated in 1922. This building has taken on added dimensions and meaning on a grand scale.”

As a respected leader in his field, Wilson has taken on added dimensions as well, making the spirit and intent of buildings accessible and interesting to the masses, furthering the scholarship of his field and sharing his passion for the art of everyday surroundings with his students.



Making a difference in the world:

Two brothers brave Africa's challenges to help

BY MICHAEL D. MCDOWELL
Nevada-Reno '03

Brotherly love should be extended beyond SigEp to our world's communities. Two SigEp leaders have been living in Africa and working with communities in Tanzania and Kenya. Prepared by their experiences with SigEp, these brothers are thinking globally and have taken the principle of brotherly love to some of the neediest places

on earth. They just might change the world.

Mountains to climb; orphanages to build

Billy Bludgus, Miami '05, traveled to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in 2005 as a Jesuit volunteer, and was assigned to a poor area in the city's outskirts. In the last two

years, a lifetime of experiences has unfolded. Besides adjusting to a completely unfamiliar culture, Bludgus learned a new language, lived without the essentials like washing machines and clean drinking water, and battled malaria (twice). However, he also experienced the embrace and friendship of a new community, the warmth and

energy of his students and an intense feeling of hope. During his time in Tanzania, Bludgus taught mathematics, English and science. By coordinating an after-school program, a community mentoring program, expansion of the school library and a community service program, Bludgus fulfilled SigEp's mission to build balanced



Bludgus, '05, (second from right) had no trouble finding three of his Miami brothers to climb Kilimanjaro with him. He and (right to left) Scott Sadowski, '04, Joseph Fernandez, '03, and Adam Weise, '07, raised over \$18,000 in sponsorships to build an orphanage in a Tanzanian village.

*Bludgus with just a few
of the many kids he's
taught and led in his
two-year Tanzanian tour
of volunteer duty.*

leaders for the world's communities.

Today, Bludgus is building an orphanage that, when completed, will house three dozen orphaned or abandoned children in the area, taking them off the streets and providing them with a safe living and learning environment. They will enroll in the local primary schools and eventually be prepared for secondary education. The facility will also house an after-school tutoring program, study areas and a library. The facility's name, "Nyumba ya (house of) Blue Hope" has been coined half in Swahili and half in English to symbolize the partnership between U.S. donors and the local community.

Bludgus formed and registered a Tanzanian government organization called Youth Global Action Aid, and registered it as a non-profit foundation in the United States. The entire project will cost about \$130,000, two-thirds of which has been raised over the past year. The land was purchased in February, and ground was broken in June.

Three brothers from the University of Miami Chapter, **Scott Sadowski, '04**, **Adam Weise, '06**, and **Joseph Fernandez, '03**, raised \$18,000 for the project by gathering sponsorships and joining Bludgus

9,000 miles away for a climb up Mount Kilimanjaro. The four brothers strengthened their bond by successfully scaling the intimidating mountain in June 2007, experiencing both extreme fatigue and fraternalism along the way.

"I think one of the greatest lessons one learns through SigEp is the idea of servant leadership," said Bludgus. He also attributes success to his experiences with diversity as an undergraduate. "I learned how to listen to others' ideas, how to step back and examine what we wanted to do and how best to go about doing it. My work here in Tanzania is so much about working with others, namely the local community; it's about learning, understanding, serving and working together."

Bludgus reminds us that, "when we share that light of brotherly love and serve others, we share not only the greatest gift our Fraternity has to offer, but we also share ourselves with others, realizing that we are all in fact connected as humans, as brothers and sisters, in love."



**"In the end, we
will remember
not the words of
our enemies, but
the silence of
our friends."**

— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Ruck Scholar educates Kenyan kids on commerce

Bryan Polson, South Florida '04, is no stranger to living overseas or encountering cultural change. His family moved to West Germany shortly before the Berlin Wall came down. Polson brought his experiences from Germany to SigEp, and he brought his experiences from SigEp to Africa when

Polson (right) brushes up on his Kiswahili, the language of this tribe. Below he's crushing maize to crack off the hulls, working hard for his dinner. Below right, a few of the wonderful faces that give Polson's work real meaning.

he joined the Peace Corps.

Polson knew he wanted to contribute to a larger cause by taking part in a very intense volunteer experience after college. He felt that his experience as a servant leader with the Peace Corps would forever enhance his personal and professional life.

Today, Polson is expanding the Junior Achievement program in West Kenya. Kenya is a culturally rich nation—home to more than 40 tribes, 100 subtribes and about five dozen different languages. The Junior Achievement program seeks to connect business leaders with schools in order to prepare schoolchildren for the global economy. Polson spends much of his time traveling the country, and he has successfully expanded to fifteen schools and involved more than 100



business leaders. Polson has been recognized by the Kenyan government for investing in the youth of their nation.

Polson continues to govern his life by the cardinal principles and is impressed by the brotherly love that he sees in

the communities he serves, often witnessing a brotherly support in daily endeavors. Polson acknowledges the great deal of diligence it takes to wake up and face the monumental task of development day to day, and he sees the principle of virtue challenged daily. "Being virtuous in Kenya requires extra effort," said Polson. "Corruption is endemic, paving the way for shortcuts with bribes."

Polson attributes his leadership ability to his experiences as an undergraduate SigEp. He learned to create and communicate a vision that cultivates shared inspiration for a goal. Polson considers this lesson particularly relevant in his work, as he must instill his vision with the community he assists, knowing that its members will need to carry on the vision once he is gone.

Brother Polson participated



in the Ruck Leadership Institute in Richmond, Va., in 2003, and marks that event as one that changed his SigEp experience forever. He learned the process and value of setting a vision, creating goals and communicating the goals and vision to achieve success for any organization. Polson's experience with the Leadership Continuum prepared him to achieve SigEp's mission to build balanced leaders for the world's communities.



Renaissance brother uses hoops to offer hope

BY CALEB GREMMER
Texas-Arlington '08

As a community activist and the University of Texas-Arlington (UTA) Movin' Mavs wheelchair basketball coach, **Jim Hayes, Texas-Arlington Renaissance**, overcame a disability to help younger generations realize that accomplishment is a matter of will, not physical capacity. After a 36-year delay, Hayes was initiated as a Renaissance Brother at Texas-Arlington in August.

"I was asked to help make Texas-Arlington more handicapped accessible, and unfortunately it took me away and I never got back to SigEp," he said.

Hayes had a diving accident on his 18th birthday, causing paralysis and confining him to a wheelchair. At the time, his life expectancy was six years, though it has been 40 years since the accident. He said the members of SigEp played a large role in his recovery by treating him not as an outsider, but as a brother. "Everyone thinks that I have done something special, and I really haven't," he said. "The people around me just wouldn't see me as disabled and wouldn't let me see myself that way."

Thanks in part to Hayes' work, Texas-Arlington is now more aware of the needs of its disabled students. Hayes uses this awareness as a

recruiting tool, each year adding new members to the wheelchair basketball team he developed.

The Movin' Mavs boast seven national championships since they went intercollegiate in 1989, and the team's achievements have earned Hayes recognition. Last spring, Texas Gov. Rick Perry honored the team in Austin.

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me see myself that way."

However, Hayes knows that the most important reward for his work is the development of the players as human beings. In this area he is able to apply the Sound Mind and Sound Body philosophy to help his players further themselves.

"With the program, we have been able to minimize disability and maximize capability," Hayes said. "Every one of the guys graduates and goes to work to become a fully realized member of the community."

Basketball is a tool we use to get there."

Hayes was asked to complete a pledgeship that began with the charter group in 1971. He explained that his tough school schedule and community work kept him from going through with the original 15 members of his class.

For Texas Kappa, Hayes is a model for the lifelong quality of the SigEp experience. "Jim's initiation was much more than just initiating an individual who had personally accomplished many things with overwhelming odds in his life," Alumni Board President **Michael King, Texas-Arlington '77**, said. "[It] was about showing brotherly love and not allowing him to be forgotten even though over 35 years had passed."



Jim Hayes, Texas-Arlington Renaissance, coaches the championship Movin' Mavs wheelchair basketball team to win in games and win in life.

Board of Governors supports building balanced leaders

BY SEAN COSGROVE

Cincinnati '05

Development Director

One of the ways donors can build balanced leaders is by funding the Leadership Continuum programming. While Foundation endowments are growing, annual gifts make up a significant portion of our ability to increase our grant to the Fraternity. Our grant for the Leadership Continuum has doubled in the last four years thanks to the Board of Governors, those donors who give \$1,000 annually.

The Board of Governors is the key donor group that supports the leadership programs of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. This group provides the resources for SigEp's Leadership Continuum—EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck Leadership Institute, Tragos Quest to Greece and Conclave Leadership Programming. In addition to the impact this group has on undergraduate SigEps across the country, it also provides the opportunity to network with other SigEp alumni across the country at special events. Board of Governors members receive special communications with relevant Fraternity and Foundation news, and a directory of all Board of Governors members.

The SigEp Educational Foundation funds scholarship and leadership programs that develop the academic, leadership, citizenship and personal potential of college undergraduate and graduate students. Our main challenge is

to broaden our resources and influence to enhance our members' education and fulfill our mission of Building Balanced Leaders for the World's Communities.

Investing in SigEp

Investment in the Leadership Continuum ensures the continued success of SigEp and assists the Educational Foundation in providing support where the need is greatest within SigEp. Whether through the Beacon Society, the Board of Governors or the President's Circle, your gift is instrumental in driving our annual grant, which enhances undergraduate members' experiences and allows them to impact their local chapters.

Your gift to the Educational Foundation is a chance to give back as many others have done before, and a great opportunity to broaden our reach and impact more young men's lives.



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The Leadership Continuum

is an award-winning series of distinct and progressive personal development opportunities. Comprised of five programs that reinforce SigEp's mission through Sound Mind and Sound Body, our programs include EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academy, Ruck Leadership Institute, Tragos Quest to Greece and the Grand Chapter Conclave. These programs are aimed at teaching and reinforcing SigEp values to brothers from the day they join through graduation. Leadership Continuum programs emphasize self-discovery and mentoring from faculty and alumni. Brothers learn how to impact their chapter and their community.



EDGE • Learning to live your best life

EDGE is a high-intensity experience for first-year members meant to introduce SigEp's Balanced Man Ideal and our cardinal principles of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love. There is a focus on academic goal setting, personal strategic planning and healthy living. We currently offer around 25 programs per year which impact approximately 2,400 members. Our challenge is to ensure that new SigEp members are retained and given the tools to be successful in college.

SigEp's vision for EDGE is to have 5,000 new members attend within the first month of joining at suitable facilities with consistent facilitation.

Carlson Leadership Academy • Effective and affective leadership training

Carlson Leadership Academy is a two-day training program for chapter officers and aspiring leaders. Participants are offered interaction with alumni who have experience in management, finance, sales and leadership. Facilitators mentor executive boards to help them develop their chapter leadership plans. Our challenge is to take our undergraduate leaders from good to great to significantly impact their local chapters. We currently offer 10 programs each year, which impact 2,000 brothers from around the country.

SigEp's vision for Carlson Leadership Academy is to fund the programs so that all who want to attend can do so without paying a registration fee.



Ruck Leadership Institute • Teaching the few to impact the many



Ruck is SigEp's "Top Gun" program and is based on *The Leadership Challenge*, co-authored by **Dr. Barry Posner, California-Santa Barbara '70**. Brothers from chapters around the country apply for this selective five-day event that focuses on building high-level leadership skills. From exploring the birthplace of fraternities and the SigEp ideal of "this Fraternity will be different," to imparting a "how to" for impacting individual chapters, Ruck strives to build a network amongst SigEp's best and brightest. Currently, 130 undergraduates attend the Ruck Leadership Institute every summer.

SigEp's vision is to have every chapter send a participant to the Ruck Leadership Institute each year.

Tragos Quest to Greece • Exploring the birthplace of Sound Mind and Sound Body

The Tragos Quest to Greece is the capstone course of the Leadership Continuum. Brothers are guided by alumni mentors and classics professors on a 10-day living and learning, self-evaluation experience. SigEp is the only fraternity in the world to offer a study abroad experience that brings together the best and brightest like-minded individuals to impact both their local chapters and the world's communities. Currently, 18 brothers attend the Tragos Quest to Greece each summer.

SigEp's vision is to expand this program to 24 participants each year.



Grand Chapter Conclave • The ultimate SigEp experience



Conclave offers educational opportunities for undergraduates by assembling SigEp's best facilitators, educators and speakers. Brothers propose and vote on legislation, network, engage in personal development and interact with hundreds of alumni so they can see first-hand the lifelong experience of brotherhood in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Currently, chapter delegates and alternates attend Conclave free of charge.

Our support of Conclave provides a great opportunity to expose more brothers to the big picture of SigEp, creating a lifelong connection to our Fraternity.

Inside Google:

Former SigEp regional director feels right at home

BY BRYAN KAMINSKI

Johns Hopkins '06

By 2:30 p.m., Charlie's was packed and pumped with anticipation. Google staffers had transformed the largest cafeteria on the Mountain View, Calif., campus into a stage for Tony Bennett. For the next hour, the music legend would captivate the crowd of Googlers, discussing his nonprofit foundation, "Exploring the Arts," answering questions about his musical career and singing "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." It's just another day at the office of Google's corporate headquarters: the Googleplex.

Fortune magazine ranked Google at the top of its "Best Places to Work" list, and after a few months here, I get it. Since starting as a recruiter in the University Programs group after a year as a SigEp regional director, I have zeroed in on three things that make Google stand out: a focus on innovation, the caliber of its people and the commitment to continuous development.

Since Google is only nine years old, no one is saying, "This is how it's always been done." An expectation of innovative ideas inspires employees to uncover fresh solutions to challenging problems. Often, small teams of three to five people lead projects, so all employees, including Nooglers (new employees), can shape how the organization operates.

Google is confident that its newest contributors can offer great ideas because the organization is committed to hiring top talent. Google makes a significant effort to ensure that potential employees have the ability to succeed and contribute in the organization, and more important, interviewers take a hard look at a person's cultural fit. Although the company receives thousands of resumes a day, Google puts just as much effort into finding talent through other avenues, including referrals, scholarship programs and innovative programs designed to introduce the organization's culture. Indeed, I see a lot of similarities between Google's efforts and SigEp's top recruiting chapters.

Google has a commitment to continuous development. Much like SigEp, one of the most significant challenges Google encounters is retaining its best people. Google encourages everyone to invest their time and energy in learning opportunities to enhance their knowledge. Events include discussions about the latest technology, cooking classes and wine tastings, authors discussing their books, presentations by politicians and nonprofit organizations and performances by musicians like Wyclef Jean, Matchbox 20 or Tony Bennett. Through these programs, we can learn something new, promote a cause we're passionate about or just have some fun together.

The commitment to innovative ideas, the laser focus on talent and the opportunity for continuous development make Google an incredible place to work. The striking thing about it all is how similar the experience here is to my experience with SigEp's programming and culture. I think we might be onto something.

Bryan Kaminski, Johns Hopkins '06, stands in front of the Google logo constructed from Legos at the company's New York office.



Agency ranks among fastest growing; SigEp is COO

Craig P. McGuinn II, Pennsylvania State '89, is the chief operations



McGuinn

officer of Ward Media, Inc., one of the nation's fastest growing privately held companies. Recently ranked 131 on *Inc.* magazine's list of the 500 fastest growing privately held companies, Ward Media is an online advertising agency established in 2002 and headquartered in New York City, with 2007 revenues estimated at \$12 million.

McGuinn sees parallels between his business success and his SigEp experience. "When you live in a house with 40 people, you quickly learn about seeing other people's points of view," he said. "One powerful tool in business is compromise, and as an only child, I didn't have to compromise too much. I certainly learned that at SigEp." McGuinn also recalled the value of chapter meetings, which "really prepared me for structured, top-down, chain-of-command business."

His advice for budding entrepreneurs? "Plan, plan and plan some more. Identify a need that is not being served in a particular market and be first to address it. It *must* be something you will do with passion; you must be willing to sacrifice in pursuit of a dream."

According to McGuinn, "the single best thing that my partner Chief Executive Officer Phil Friedman and I have done is surround ourselves with great people. The team is incredibly talented, and they are also all willing to go the extra mile."

Ball State building dedicated to Don Park

BY JOHN SKELTON
Ball State '87

How do you recognize someone for service that is measured in decades, not years? You name a new \$37 million residence hall after him, that's how. That's exactly what Ball State University did on August 22, 2007, to honor **Don Park, Ball State '61**, and the five generations of Park family members who have attended Ball State over the past 87 years. The tradition started with Park's uncle, who served as the school's first junior class president and continues with enrollment of Park's two nephews. In total, 22 members of the Park family have enrolled.

Park's contributions are far deeper than his activities as a student. He returned to campus in 1993 as vice president of university advancement where he oversaw four major capital campaigns. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus and also received the Benny Award, Ball State's highest honor.

A significant part of Park's life has included Sigma Phi Epsilon. He pledged in the early days of the Indiana Gamma Chapter and stayed involved on the alumni board, serving as president until a new job required him to travel the world.

Park became involved again in 1993, helping to rescue the struggling chapter and capture four consecutive Buchanan Cups. He also established its local foundation, which has raised almost \$400,000 over the past 13 years. Park is leading the way in Indiana Gamma's campaign to build a new \$3 million chapter house. The chapter broke ground in October.



Ball State President Jo Ann Gora and Don Park, Ball State '61, unveil a plaque to be displayed on the new Park Residence Hall, recognizing his family's support of the university.

Park has been an inspiration to other SigEps, young and not so young. "Don's enthusiasm and leadership have been an example for everyone," said **Jim Banta, '71**. According to **Brian Sawa, '99**, "Without Dr. Park, our chapter might very well not even be here today."

Park says, "Sigma Phi Epsilon is where I found some of the best friends of my life. The memories I have will be with me forever, and the experiences helped shape my life, both personal and professional."

PAETEC CEO stresses personal commitment to ensure success

BY PATRICK C. MURPHREY
Christopher Newport '05



Arunas Chesonis, MIT '84, serves as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of PAETEC, a telecommunications company headquartered in

Fairport, N.Y. Chesonis is responsible for the vision, leadership and direction of the \$1 billion company. When the company was founded in 1998, Chesonis and a core team of executives recognized that existing telecommunications providers were not delivering first-rate customer service.

This dedication to the customer is expressed in the company's mission statement "to be the most customer and employee-oriented communications service provider." Chesonis reiterates this commitment in his recent book *It Isn't Just Business, It's Personal: How PAETEC Thrived When All the Big Telecoms Couldn't*. This emphasis on service excellence has seen PAETEC grow quickly and has paved the way for a recent \$1.3 billion merger with another telecommunications company, US LEC Corporation. PAETEC's planned merger with McLeodUSA will make it one of the largest nationwide communications

service providers with revenues exceeding \$1.6 billion.

Chesonis feels that SigEp has been an essential ingredient in his development as a leader. He served as vice president of his chapter. "SigEp has been a tremendous influence in my life, not only for camaraderie, but it demonstrated early on the importance of being a balanced man. My leadership experience in SigEp gave my career a head start and taught me lessons I still use to this day." **Chris Muller, SUNY-Fredonia '95**, serves as corporate communications manager for PAETEC and was pleased to discover that his company is run by a fellow SigEp.

SigEp beats cancer twice; rides rapids with other survivors

BY JED I. BABBIN
Marquette '08

Two-time cancer survivor **Allan Goldberg, Syracuse '89**, is the executive director of First Descents, a nonprofit whitewater kayaking program which offers cancer patients life-changing experiences free of charge. The program's adventure-based therapy includes activities such as whitewater kayaking, rock climbing, fishing and hiking, combined with inspirational speakers, team-building exercises and sight-seeing.

The program enhances campers' self-confidence through the challenging athletics while speakers and team-building exercises address psycho-social development. Participants include those undergoing treatment or in post-treatment, individuals dealing with breast cancer, amputees or anyone between the ages of 18 and 27 who is battling cancer. The stories of campers and parents on the program's Web site at www.firstdescents.org, make it clear that the camp achieves its lofty goal of providing life changing experiences.

Through hard work, Goldberg has found a career where he can make a difference in people's lives, and see that difference. A particularly meaningful event for him was convincing a girl in treatment for a brain tumor to go through the last terrifying rapid of the course. Persuading her that he would be right behind her, she paddled through her fear, and at the end of the rapid, she raised her paddle and proclaimed, "I can do anything!"

Goldberg's own motivation is all the more impressive considering he was diagnosed with secondary cancer shortly after taking the job at First Descents. Believing that "attitude is everything," the 27-year cancer survivor was undeterred in



Allan Goldberg, Syracuse '89, helps keep cancer patients on track for recovery through the kayaking adventures he offers them.

his life's work for the cancer survivor movement. Goldberg is the founder of the Robert Louie Adolescent Cancer Center Support Group in San Francisco, serves on the advisory board of Planet Cancer, and is on the board of directors for the Okizu Foundation, a cancer camp for kids. Goldberg has also worked at the Lance Armstrong Institute and competed as an Ironman triathlete.

Having already defeated cancer as a child, Goldberg became a brother at the original "Red Door" chapter. Goldberg spoke highly of his experiences at Syracuse, especially his two years in the chapter house. His most salient memory was the night his chapter won the Chancellor's Cup. Voted on by their Greek peers, SigEp triumphed as the most diverse house, dominating in both athletics and scholarship. Goldberg made lifelong friendships he maintained as he went out to make his mark on the world helping others survive cancer and lead meaningful lives.

**"A community is like
a ship; everyone ought
to be prepared to take
the helm."**

— HENRIK IBSEN

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

Kelcy L. Warren, Texas-Arlington '78, was honored with the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater in October. Warren is CEO and chairman of Energy Transfer in Dallas. He has a civil engineering degree from the College of Engineering and has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry. In 1996, he co-founded Energy Transfer, the third largest distributor of propane in the United States, located mostly in Texas. He is a longtime sponsor of the American Diabetes Association and has established a scholarship for Texas-Arlington engineering students.



Warren



Allen

Richard Allen, MD, Oregon '58, has been honored by the American Medical Association (AMA) with its highest award, the 2007 Distinguished Service Award.

Allen was a member of the Headquarters staff in 1958–1959 and later served as a District Governor and National Scholarship Chairman. Allen serves as assistant dean for graduate medical education and adjunct professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine. Allen is the only physician to head two state medical societies: Oregon (1988–1989) and Colorado (2000–2001). The AMA exalted Allen's efforts to "revolutionize the criteria by which physicians are evaluated, emphasizing the need to focus on professionalism, ethics and lifelong learning." He was one of the vocal supporters for limiting the work week for medical residents to 80 hours. "Not everybody agrees it was the right thing to do, but I think it was," Allen said. The AMA recognized Allen's lifelong contribution to medicine and medical education at its interim meeting in November.

SUNY-Buffalo remembers kind heart, creative mind of Imagineer

BY MICHAEL SELBY
Eastern Michigan '02

“He always had a smile on his face and rosy cheeks; he *looked* as though he stepped out of a Disney cartoon,” remembered **Gerry Leone, SUNY-Buffalo '60**. The brothers of New York Epsilon and all SigEps pay tribute to **Ralph Kent, SUNY-Buffalo '60**, a compassionate soul and inventive spirit who worked at Walt Disney for more than forty years.

As a boy, Ralph (Kwiatkowski) Kent dreamed of joining the ranks of the artists and cartoonists who worked for the great innovator, Walt Disney. The walls of his basement were adorned with elaborate murals of famed characters, from *Alice in Wonderland's* Cheshire Cat to *Pinocchio's* Jiminy Cricket. Kent was so inspired by Disney that he wrote a letter to the visionary, an act that would need retelling years later.

Artistic training brought Kent to the Buffalo's Albright Art School. Here Kent found another passion to complement his creative vision: Sigma Phi Epsilon. He would leave a legacy at SUNY-Buffalo as impressive and moving as his years with the Walt Disney Company.

Former New York Epsilon Chapter President **Lou Cacciato, '61**, recalled that the off-campus Fraternity apartment had a red metal fire-door and that Kent emblazoned it with the Fraternity's badge, a beautiful black onyx heart encircled with pearls. Leone noted “the great pride brothers felt” as they passed through the door.

Three years later, Kent arrived at Disneyland as a marketing production artist. He summoned the courage to ask Walt Disney if he remembered receiving a letter long ago from a kid in Buffalo. “I had changed my name because nobody could pronounce it—Kwiatkowski,” Kent said. “Walt responded, ‘That was a Polish kid with a long last name.’ His eyebrow raised and he added, ‘Well, why didn’t you tell me?’” The answer was simple: Kent was in awe of him, and he would be for the rest of his years.



Ralph and Linda Kent

COURTESY OF PETE EMSLIE



This caricature of Ralph Kent was drawn by Pete Emslie to honor Kent at his retirement from Disney. His friend is Disney character Arlo Armadillo.

Kent developed marketing materials for Disney's Jungle Cruise, Enchanted Tiki Room, and other famous attractions. He and fellow Imagineers Van Arsdale France and Dick Nunis, creators of Disney University, developed training materials for the company's four attractions featured at the 1964–65 New York World's Fair, including “It's A Small World.”

In 1965, Kent designed the first limited-edition Mickey Mouse watch for adults, which was presented to 25 top Disney executives. The watch took off, and today more than 100 adult watch designs are manufactured each year.

Kent sometimes thought of retirement only to be pulled back by Disney's magnetism and his own passion for the work. He finally retired in 2004 and was honored with the prestigious Disney Legend Award, presented to him by the National Fantasy Fan Club in 2006.

Kent passed away last September after a long illness. From designing parade floats to festive banners to Disney's creative laboratories, Kent's images touched many people. But it was Kent's heart that touched his brothers more deeply than anything else.

SigEps Sell Snoop's House

Cal-Poly Pomona brothers **Ryan Zimmerman, '07**, **Mason Prophet, '05**, and **Geoff Hamill, '92**, closed the deal in September to sell Snoop Dogg's house in Los Angeles for more than \$1.8 million. Snoop Dogg is a rapper, record producer and actor originally from Long Beach, Calif., and the house was featured on an episode of "MTV Cribs" in 2000. Snoop Dogg finished renovating the house in 2006, doubling the total size to 6,500 square feet. It took about four months to sell the house, which sports a full-size Lakers basketball court. Hamill, a realtor since 1988, has periodically hired an undergraduate brother as his part-time assistant. Prophet held this role for three years until his graduation in 2005. He earned his broker license and became

Hamill's partner. Zimmerman now serves as the assistant, and as his graduation approaches, he is considering becoming a full-time realtor as well.



Brothers Zimmerman, Prophet and Hamill

Stetson's George Galante gets a "Magic" promotion

BY ROBERT P. MILLER
Huntingdon '09



Galante

"The most important thing when trying to start a career in the sports industry is to get involved as early as possible," said **George Galante, Stetson '96**, advising diligence to achieve success. Few can offer better advice to

those pursuing a career in the sports industry. Galante was recently promoted to director of communications for the Orlando Magic after serving eight seasons as assistant communications director.

During his studies at Stetson, Galante juggled a job with Stetson's sports information department, refereeing high school basketball games, and an active fraternity life. As a junior, he served as the intramural chair for Florida Beta and played flag football, basketball and softball. "I really enjoyed the competitiveness of intramurals and the bond that it created with everyone in the Fraternity."

In 1995, Galante landed an internship with the Orlando Magic. His previous experience with sports and his diligence in making the most of the internship helped him stand out. He moved on to the Orlando Solar Bears, an international

hockey team, to manage their public relations for their next four seasons. Now with the Orlando Magic basketball team, he will be focused on the team's interactions with the media. He sets up interviews for players, coaches and staff for local, national and international media. He also travels with the team, managing media guides, compiling game notes, writing press releases and maintaining all statistical information.

"SigEp helped me grow in many different ways," he said, reflecting on his success over the years. "Most of my best friends today are the ones that I made through Florida Beta and SigEp. Still having those relationships today reminds me all of the time that I made the right choice when I joined SigEp."

As a SigEp at Stetson, it would seem that Galante internalized SigEp's cardinal principles. He balances family (his wife, Laura, and their two children) with hard work to constantly better himself in his job. He continues the friendships he developed as an undergraduate, one of the most rewarding aspects of his affiliation with SigEp. And now he has a courtside seat at every game for one of basketball's most successful teams!

SigEp leads student affairs at Charleston

BY TIM FORMAN
Oklahoma State '08

In August, **Victor K. Wilson, Georgia Renaissance**, was promoted to executive vice president for student affairs at the College of Charleston. Wilson previously served as senior vice president of student affairs before the college restructured the executive cabinet and showed an increased commitment to student affairs. Wilson described student affairs as "the professionals taking care of thousands of students during the 150+ hours a week when they are not in class." Greek life is included as part of those hours outside of class. Wilson sees Greek life as continuing to play a relevant role at colleges and serving to complement student development. Wilson mentors several SigEp brothers at Charleston. Previously, Wilson was associate vice president of student affairs at the University of Georgia, where he became associated with SigEp.



Victor K. Wilson, Georgia Renaissance



Amazing underwater adventure slated for big screen

BY ERIN MULLALLY
Michigan State '99

Shadow Divers, a thriller written by Robert Kurson, tells the story of an elite team of divers who in 1991 discovered a mysterious shipwreck 60 miles off the coast of New Jersey.

Doug Roberts, Pennsylvania '83, was a key member of this team; he consistently risked life and limb in the quest to explore and ultimately identify the wreck. Soon, this amazing story will be told in a major motion picture.

Roberts started scuba diving while on vacation with his brothers **Howard Gitten, Pennsylvania '82**, and **Kenny Meyers, Pennsylvania '83**. Over time, he got seriously involved with the demanding sport by pursuing wreck dives in the cold ocean waters close to his New Jersey home.

In the late 1980s, Roberts tested himself against deadly currents, freezing water and dangerous depths by diving some of the most infamous wrecks throughout the Atlantic Ocean, culminating in an expedition to the "Mount Everest" of wreck diving, the *Andrea Doria*. He surfaced from an *Andrea Doria* dive holding a bag of china salvaged from the wreck.

In 1991, Roberts faced perhaps his greatest diving challenge when he was asked to accompany a charter dive operation to a previously unexplored site. Roberts and his diving partners were unprepared for what they discovered 230 feet below on the ocean

floor: the hull of a German U-boat from World War II.

Shadow Divers covers the dive team's exhaustive and dangerous search to identify the unmarked wreck. Government archives contained no information about a German submarine sunk so close to American shores during World War II. His dives to the submarine exposed Roberts to several close brushes with death. For his efforts, Roberts was invited to join the Explorers Club, an exclusive professional society dedicated to field research and exploration.

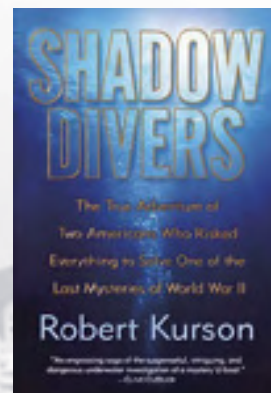
Today, Roberts is managing principal for the Channel Capital Research Institute. He is a regular financial commentator on CNBC and has written his first book, *Follow The Fed to Investment Success: The Effortless Strategy to Beating Wall Street*.

Roberts credits SigEp with helping to launch his financial career. "As an undergraduate, I had the chance to hear **Bill Schreyer, Pennsylvania State '48**, speak at a SigEp undergraduate leadership conference [today's Carlson Leadership Academy]." Roberts went on to write Schreyer at Merrill Lynch and served an internship there to get his foot in the door. "The summer I worked at Merrill Lynch, I even lived in the SigEp chapter house at Stevens Institute of Technology."

Roberts keeps connected to SigEp. "I'm proud to stay active as a member of the Board of Governors," he said.

As Roberts anticipates the *Shadow Divers* movie, he knows that "the Hollywood process is slow, though the project is moving steadily forward." Director Peter Weir, whose recent work includes *The Truman Show* and *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*, is slated to begin filming *Shadow Divers* over the next year.

Roberts has no idea which Hollywood actor will be cast to play him. "Hopefully someone with a full head of hair and six-pack abs," he laughed.



Shadow Divers, published by Random House, is available at bookstores and Amazon.com.

Above, inset: Roberts in diving gear from his 1980s diving days.



Combining homecoming and 1970s reunion helps Virginia Tech reconnect

BY WILLIAM A. THOMAS
Virginia Tech '72

The fall 2007 reunion of Virginia Tech's Virginia Kappa Chapter included alumni and undergraduates who joined their 1970s brothers at Virginia Tech's 2007 homecoming in September. Events included a Friday night social hour and dinner, alumni meetings at the SigEp House on Saturday, followed by the Homecoming football game against North Carolina and postgame picnic at the house. This year's reunion was planned on Homecoming weekend when the greatest number of alumni would likely be on campus, so organizers invited brothers of all eras to join the 1970s reunion. This reunion attracted about three times more Virginia Kappa alumni than previous years.

More than 50 brothers attended the dinner and the annual meetings. **John Lawson, '73**, vice rector of Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors, hosted more than 30 SigEp alumni in his

luxury box for the football game. The picnic drew about 150 Virginia Kappa alumni, undergraduate brothers and family.

The events saw the renewal of brotherhood established more than 35 years ago, as new bonds of friendship were formed across decades. **Mike Hanes, '73**, attending his first chapter reunion since graduation, remarked that the strong feelings of friendship and brotherhood he had with his fraternity brothers as an undergraduate were still as strong 35 years later. **Rick Charter, '72**, is a chapter founder and organizer of the reunions for the '70s brothers over the years. He said that a Homecoming game without his brothers is just a football game, but being at the game with his brothers is something very special. Undergraduates expressed hopes that they would develop such strong bonds over time.



Virginia Tech SigEps enjoy the homecoming game at the chapter's recent reunion.



Virginia Eta celebrated its 100th anniversary at the Colonnade Club on Virginia's campus this past spring.

University of Virginia chapter celebrates 100 years

BY BRIAN KATZENBERG
Virginia '07

The University of Virginia Chapter celebrated its 100th anniversary last April. More than 100 Virginia Eta alumni brothers representing seven decades participated. Alumni and Volunteer Corporation President, **Peter Gorham, '75**, organized an extensive network among brothers across generations to promote the event to the 900-plus member alumni base.

The weekend began with a reception at the university's Colonnade Club. During a barbecue cookout the next day, undergraduate brothers unveiled a bronze plaque mounted on the front of the chapter house commemorating the chapter's centennial. That night, brothers dined at Alumni Hall and heard speeches by Gorham and then-Grand President **Archer L. Yeatts III, Richmond '64**. A digital presentation included photographs of the Fraternity from 1907 to the present.

Alumni brother **Bob Harris, '82**, said that the reunion "will be remembered by all of us for years to come." Undergraduate brothers eagerly listened to old tales, while alumni happily shared their stories of yore. The weekend enabled undergraduate brothers to recognize genuine examples of lifelong friendships and support of the local chapter. The chapter hopes to host more local reunions to support the relationship between all members.

1960s reunion sets brotherhood example

BY MARSHALL OLIN
California-Santa Barbara '09

Undergraduates often look to alumni for guidance and assistance in matters such as housing, finance and chapter operations. But we sometimes forget the most important example our alumni set: brotherhood. It is the responsibility and the privilege of the undergraduate chapter and the alumni to maintain a strong relationships.

The chapter house of the 1960s was a large, white wooden house, complete with a wide variety of animals. Last May, a reunion trip to "The Barn," as it was aptly called, was eye-opening for 60 alumni who lived in and loved The Barn; each wore a shirt with a picture of their chapter house emblazoned on the front. The house, as they saw, is quite different today.

The reunion began with dinner hosted by local alumnus **Jeff Henley, California-Santa Barbara '66**, at his beautiful home. The next day, brothers enjoyed a barbecue at the chapter house in the courtyard, now surrounded by a giant chapter room, game room, state-of-the-art kitchen and brand new library, all connected by a brick hallway



Brothers from the '60s gather in front of the home of alumni host Jeff Henley to reminisce.

to two-story living quarters (the previous location of The Barn).

The event was planned by SigEp alumni **Tom Rechnagel, '66**, and **Ron Rubenstein, '69**, and Vice President of Communications **Marshall Olin, '09**. The library

offered a treasure trove of the pictures and trophies from the 1960s that had survived a fire in 1971. It was clear that the bonds made and stories told had only sweetened with age, proving that the California Gamma Chapter has produced lifetime brothers.

1950s Memphis brothers attend *high school* reunion together



Memphis SigEp brothers (l-r) **Dan Goodwin, '59**, **Fred Dodson, '56**, **Walter Robbins, '56**, and **Walker Hurd, '59**, joined the Memphis State chapter (now the University of Memphis) together after they graduated from Tech High School in Memphis, Tenn. This past year, they went to their Class of '52 high school reunion together. That means they've been hanging out, at least off and on, for more than 55 years.

Chapter News

Saving the world with a saxophone

BY STEVE DORSEY
American '09

American University junior **Paul Ruffner, American '09**, can't see, but he has a vision for saving the world. Armed with a saxophone and a sense of compassion, Ruffner is fighting for the future of millions of Africans devastated by flooding that ravaged large swathes of West Africa in August and September.

Ruffner has been blind since birth. For years he has relied on the help and support of others. Now, he is giving back. "Being blind and needing services—everyone needs some sort of help—I think it is important to give back," Ruffner said.

Since September, Ruffner has parlayed his perfect pitch into a purpose, and he plays his saxophone at charity functions for the African relief effort from New York City to Washington, D.C. Money raised at his concerts typically goes to charitable organizations like the Red Cross, United Nations and the World Food Program, he said.

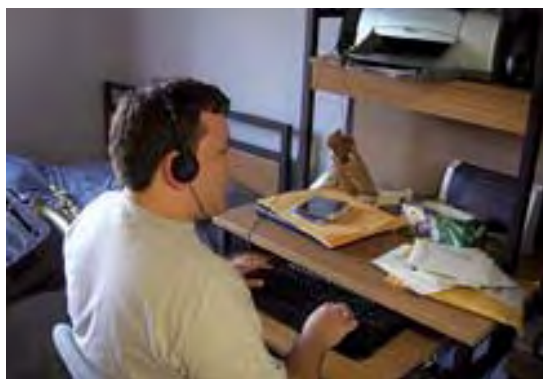
The average American citizen alone is not going to stop the genocide in Darfur, yet that same person can have a great positive influence by reducing the impact of this flood through grassroots efforts, he said.

Ruffner's Fraternity brothers say he is a model example of SigEp's cardinal principles. Vice President of Recruitment **Kevin Carter, '10**, called him an asset to the chapter.

"He's never let his blindness get in the way of anything he's wanted to do," Carter said. "He's no different than any other brother, and he functions just as well as everyone else in supporting the Fraternity."

Ruffner believes he is just filling his own role as a SigEp. "This is not only something that the Fraternity practices, but it's grounded in the spirit and principles

Ruffner's dorm room study setup has no need for a monitor. He learns using audio and other resources to maintain his 3.88 GPA.



Paul Ruffner, American '09, is an inspiration to his brothers for more than his saxophonic talents. Despite his blindness, Ruffner clearly sees the need to give back, perhaps because of all the support he has enjoyed from others.

on which it was founded," Ruffner said. "Providing people with help when they're in need is just an extension of what SigEp does for its own brothers."

Ruffner is also incredibly versed in a range of subjects from politics to history to language, Carter says. He has earned a 3.88 GPA and is majoring in international politics and Latin American studies.

Ruffner plans to continue his efforts to help with the African flood crisis, and challenges everyone to do what they can for organizations that help with the cause.

"Adulthood begins when a person asks himself the question: What do I want to be remembered for?"

— ST. AUGUSTINE

Vote for a voice: SigEp rallies his campus to hit the polls

Levi Bulgar, Eastern Illinois University '09, is heavily involved in getting out the vote on his campus this year. As an immigrant, he has a unique perspective on the importance of casting your ballot. *Journal* Editor Gay-Lynn Carpenter caught up with Bulgar to learn more.

J: Why have you gotten involved in encouraging college students to vote?

Bulgar: I am an immigrant, and I came to the United States in 1990 from Romania. For me, the ability to vote is something that I take very seriously. It is what gives the people power, what gives them a voice.

During my brief time in Romania, and many years before, communism was the ruling government, and many of my family members never got to enjoy the rights and privileges that we Americans do. That motivates me when working on these projects. I want people to remember that it is their right, their duty, and to never take it for granted.

J: What kind of response are you getting?

B: So far, I have gotten a very positive response from students, and I am hoping for it to continue. With just three voter registration drives, we have registered

more than 400 students on this campus. For an "off" year with local politics, and only the primary to look forward to next semester, I believe we are ahead of the game. My goal now is to work on educating students about important issues locally, nationally and internationally.

J: What do you hope to accomplish with this effort?

B: My overall goal is to get as many students registered to vote as possible. But we can't stop there; it is imperative that we get those students informed on issues that affect us as citizens, and then out to the polls so that we as a whole can make a difference.

J: How have your brothers in SigEp been involved?

B: My brothers have helped get the word out about these registration drives, helped me set up the registration booths and, probably most important, they themselves registered to vote.

J: How has your SigEp experience influenced you?

B: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Illinois Nu have helped make me the person I am today. Everything that I have accomplished in my time here at Eastern Illinois can be directly attributed to the values



Levi Bulgar, Eastern Illinois '09, is flanked by Charles Eberly, Bowling Green State '63, right, and Eastern Illinois President Dr. William Perry, at Perry's Inauguration.

and ideals that have been instilled in me by SigEp and the help that I have received from my brothers.

J: What have you learned about yourself through this experience?

B: If you believe in something and are willing to work at it, then you can do it. I have always said, "With hard work and your brothers by your side, anything is possible."

J: What's next for you?

B: I plan to get my master's degree in either school psychology or student affairs. I want to continue to work in education. I have always had a profound love for these institutions, and I really could not see myself working anywhere else.

Senior mentors community kids

Valparaiso's **James Crowley, '08**, is reaching out to his community by volunteering at Walt's Place, an after-school program that gives college students the opportunity to become role models for local 8- to 14-year-olds. The program is a safe place for kids to go after school. Even more important, the college students help these kids with their homework, offer a friend to play with and always have an open ear for problems that the kids might be facing. Crowley has volunteered throughout the past four years, contributing substantially to the program's success. When asked why he commits his time, he said, "the greatest good someone can do is being a positive influence in someone's life."



James Crowley, Valparaiso '08, and some of the friends he's made by volunteering at Walt's Place, an after-school program in the city of Valparaiso, Indiana.

SigEp and YouthAIDS

Georgia Southern hollers for dollars

BY JOSH GARMON

Georgia Southern '09

Georgia Southern's Georgia Epsilon Chapter broke philanthropic records in September with their seventh annual "Yell Like Hell" competition. The chapter raised nearly \$8,000 for YouthAIDS, more than ever, and made the largest charitable donation of any Greek organization at the university. More than 1,100 students, as well as university officials, the director of Greek life and Statesboro residents turned out to watch sororities participate in a Jimmy Buffet-themed competition. Ladies were judged in cheer and chant, dance, loudest sorority and best palm tree. The university's dean of students, Georj Lewis, served as a judge for the competition held in the Georgia Southern University Amphitheater. Alpha Omicron Pi won the overall competition for the second year. Zeta Tau Alpha placed second.

More than 15 local businesses supported the event. Pepsi sponsored banners for promotion and more than 3,000 drinks for attendees. Pepsi also published an article in their annual newsletter about their involvement with the "Yell Like Hell" event. Georgia Epsilon is looking forward to increased success next year.



The Georgia Epsilon chapter raised nearly \$8,000 for YouthAIDS.

Hall Wars is a winner for YouthAIDS and Quinnipiac

BY DOUG REALE, American '08 AND MATT BUONFORTE, Quinnipiac '08

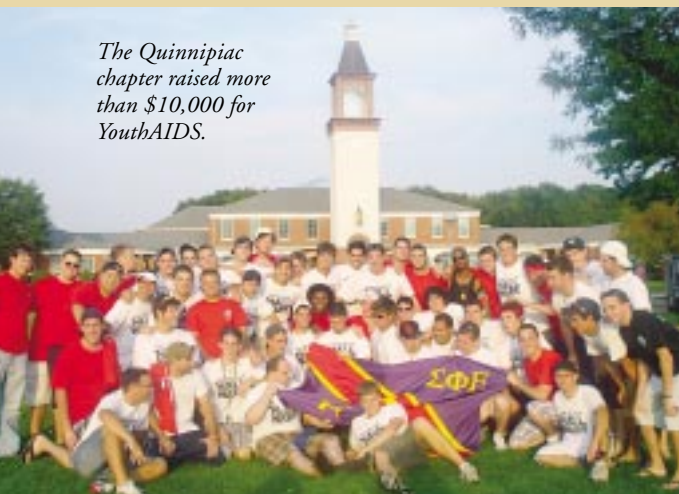
Quinnipiac set out to create an event that could raise money for YouthAIDS, SigEp's national charity, while raising the chapter's profile on campus as a service organization. Hall Wars is the culmination of that effort. The day-long competition pits teams from freshman residence halls against each other in various sporting events. Through the diligent efforts of its members, the chapter raised more than \$10,000 to donate to YouthAIDS.

"Hall Wars gets our Fraternity's name out to potential new members before any other organization has a chance to do so," said **Ross Greenstein, '08**, vice president of recruitment.

Not only does Hall Wars get the name out, but it does so by promoting a message of benevolence and dedication to service that extends brotherly love beyond chapter house walls. Events like Hall Wars show potential members that SigEps are truly dedicated to bettering themselves and the

world we share. Including philanthropy in recruitment efforts highlights the difference that SigEp makes and how new members can contribute to that difference.

Hall Wars has become a Quinnipiac tradition involving the whole campus community and will continue to be a great service learning event for SigEp.



The Quinnipiac chapter raised more than \$10,000 for YouthAIDS.

The beauty of giving: \$4,000 to YouthAIDS

BY KOLBY BISSELL

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville '09

In October, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville held its third annual "Greek Goddess" pageant where all Greeks on campus participate to raise money for YouthAIDS. This year the chapter donated \$4,000, four times last year's amount. Each Greek organization has one female representative in three events throughout the night: formal wear, native wear, and night wear. As each event is completed, SigEp brothers go through the crowd and collect votes for each contestant. Each vote costs a dollar, and at the end of the night, the female representative with the most money raised is crowned Greek Goddess. The 2007 Greek Goddess is Alpha Phi's Rachel Latinette, and she represented Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity in the pageant.

To learn more about the SigEp-YouthAIDS partnership, please visit www.youthaids.org/SigEp.



Sisters of Sigma Kappa and the brothers of Pennsylvania State support their dancers during the Dance Marathon. The campus-wide effort raised over \$5.2 million for families dealing with pediatric cancer.

Dance all night, and raise \$96,000

BY TREY WYDYSH
Richmond '07

The SigEps at Pennsylvania State know a thing or two about dedication. Last year, the chapter raised \$96,000 for the Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (known as THON), and has set a goal of \$120,000 for this year.

THON, the world's largest student-run philanthropy, was started at Penn State in the 1970s to raise money to help children and their families fight pediatric cancer. Student organizations across campus raised more than \$5.2 million in 2007. They start their efforts in October for the families they sponsor, and the culmination is a

48-hour dance marathon in February.

"It's a no-sitting, no-sleeping event," said **Pete Bachman, '07**, who was SigEp's THON chair last year. "The dancers are standing for 48 hours." But it's about more than dancing, said **Michael Barasch, '10**, the chapter's vice president of communications. It's about helping the families they sponsor.

Brothers also raise money through donations and letters to their families and friends. This year, the brothers are working hard to find a corporate sponsor to help them reach their goal. The brothers also seem to keep each other motivated for the cause. It's a chapter requirement to get involved,

and incentives are offered for brothers who do more to help. Barasch says that a natural competition develops among brothers as they see who can raise more money. "It helps keep people focused and excited to go out and collect in 20-degree weather," he said.

But there's more to it for the brothers; it's their chance to connect with the children and families they help. Each December, THON holds a carnival where organizations can meet the families that they sponsor. Bachman said that the personal connection is all the motivation the brothers need. "Once people understand what they are doing it for, you don't have to push them to get involved," he said.



Pete Bachman, '07, Pennsylvania State's 2007 THON Chair, poses with their THON Child, Kyla, during family hour at the Dance Marathon.

Philadelphia Islamic leader illustrates commonalities

BY CAREY HECKMAN
Dartmouth '76



Dartmouth SigEps were fascinated by the story of **Richard Miller, Dartmouth '62**. He shared his journey from Christian to head imam (chief cleric) of a Philadelphia Islamic mosque as the chapter's Distinguished Alumni Speaker.

Imam Miller was raised as a Christian. After graduating from Dartmouth, he worked in public mental health, served in the Army, married, studied violin and began a career in credit analysis. But something within him yearned to become a better person. He prayed for help in living a more fulfilling life.

Miller met a Sufi master, an Islamic spiritual leader from Sri Lanka, with whom he studied for the next 14 years. He learned Arabic and studied the Koran. Muslims have a tradition of granting someone a position of authority only if they don't desire it. The fellowship of his Philadelphia mosque appointed an unwilling

Miller to serve as their head imam, a position he still holds today.

As head imam, he leads classes in Arabic and Islam, holds sermons and spiritual counseling sessions. He also lectures at Philadelphia-area colleges and high schools. In addition, Imam Miller has assisted physicians, hospitals and police in better understanding Islamic law and culture.

Imam Miller explained that Islam teaches Muslims to live with Virtue, Diligence, Brotherly Love and cultivate the balance of Sound Mind and Sound Body. Furthermore, knowledge alone is not enough. To use knowledge wisely requires understanding, and that comes from the heart. The heart is as central to Islam as it is to Sigma Phi Epsilon.



Dartmouth brothers listen to the chapter's Distinguished Alumni Speaker, Imam Richard Miller, Dartmouth '62.

Northeastern brothers coach Boston little league

BY TREY WYDYSH
Richmond '07

A group of SigEps from Northeastern are coaching one of Boston's baseball teams—Little League teams, that is. Nine brothers from Massachusetts Eta volunteered to coach teams in the Mission Hill Little League (MHLL) in Boston in 2007. They have been coaching the league for six years at the “major” (ages 11–12) and “minor” (ages 9–10) league levels.

Among the brothers who coached were **Derek Archila, '08, Rob Ballerstedt, '08, Matt Foster, '08, Joe Gosselin, '08, Dale Kochevar, '08, Christopher Lynch, '07, Chris Pilla, '07, and Jon Ward, '08.**

Foster, Kochevar and Ballerstedt coached the Reds to the championship game in 2006, where they lost by one run. Last year the Yankees were coached by four brothers including Kochevar, and they didn't fare as well, although Kochevar still had praise for his team. “The Yankees finished the season with a 3–12 record. However, they pulled out an incredible final game of the season in a win against the first-place White Sox,” he said.

The brothers are involved in most aspects of the league including try-out sessions and the league's opening day parade. “Before the season begins,” Kochevar said, “MHLL holds an opening day parade; streets are closed along the parade route from a local church and up to the playing field. This year a local brass band played, and a group of dancers marched and performed to the live music along the parade route. Each little league team followed.”

“The League is something the brothers do for fun as well as for the benefit of the area, to contribute to the communities many of the brothers call home,” Foster said. “This has been a staple in the life of our chapter four years running, and will continue as long as the Mission Hill neighborhood is willing to let us participate.”

Kochevar explained that “the most rewarding aspect of coaching these kids is chatting and hanging around with them in the dugout, and just letting them be kids. I try to instill some level of discipline, however, the real reason they are there is to have fun and enjoy being on the diamond.”



Coaches Tonia Snow and Dale Kochevar, Northeastern '08, pose with the 2006 Mission Hill Reds Little League baseball team. This team went all the way to the championship game. Massachusetts Eta continues to coach the team as a community service activity.



Indiana takes tailgating to the skies

Three Indiana SigEps, Chapter President **Jacob Wick, '08, Scott Ryan, '08, and Nick Keneipp, '08,** surround a SigEpsilon helium-filled balloon launched at the October 6th game against Minnesota. **Chris Foster, Indiana '84,** came up with the big idea to help reunion attendees find the SigEpsilon tailgating party in the vast parking lot. Hovering more than 100 feet in the air, the balloon was visible from the stadium, as friends sent text messages to brothers saying they could see it in the stands. Indiana won the game, 40–20.

Our very own frat boys

Chapters that do not live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon bring dishonor and disgrace to our name. *The Journal* reports these stories to inform its readers and to show that actions have consequences.

New Jersey Gamma, Seton Hall University

Reasons: Risk management, substance abuse incidents

Action: Charter Withdrawal

Seton Hall's New Jersey Gamma Chapter has shown a trend of chapter situations over the last several years. University and Fraternity officials have received multiple reports of hazing and underground pledging.

The Regional Director, District Governor, local alumni and university officials have attempted to work with the undergraduates to shift behavior. Despite a detailed warning and specific requirements to maintain their charter over the summer, the chapter had issues with the university, new police reports and insufficient actions to demonstrate their commitment to rebound.

Issues have involved 20 members, mostly alcohol-related incidents. Other reports and allegations involved fighting, drugs, weapons and physical contact with a police officer. The chapter has recently been sanctioned by the university and has not complied with measures to rectify the situation.

At its November meeting, the National Board of Directors voted to withdraw the charter of New Jersey Gamma effective immediately.

“It is characteristic of good men neither to go wrong themselves nor to allow their friends to do so.”

— ARISTOTLE



Ross Allen throwing the inaugural disc toss for the course.

SigEps start disc golf at IIT

Determined to create Chicago's only free disc golf course, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) students **Ross Allen, '09**, and **Ryan Yarzak, '09**, now see the results of their long negotiating process. They convinced school authorities and others to invest in this valuable addition to student life. Allen and Yarzak, members of the school's most prestigious scholarship foundation, saw the opportunity to give back to students by directing unused scholarship funds to create the disc golf course. The pair would fight an uphill battle, talking to lawyers and high-level school officials and promoting the disc golf course at IIT to multiple groups. Their SigEp affiliation came in handy as they interacted with some of the same officials to promote the course. This fall, the course opened to an enthusiastic crowd that included IIT's new president, John Anderson. Now the brothers at IIT, along with the general student population, have a new way to build a Sound Mind and Sound Body thanks to Allen and Yarzak.



Ryan Yarzak putts on Hole Five.

Colorado State Phi challenge a peak experience on Mount Bierstadt

The Colorado State Phi Challenge includes a hike to the top of Mount Bierstadt, one of Colorado's peaks above 14,000 feet, in August 2007. The trip celebrated completion of the Phi Challenge and welcomed these men to their next phase of Sigma Phi Epsilon membership. On the mountaintop, the men set goals that they wish to accomplish this semester, and Phi coordinator **Michael Oettinger, '08**, (far right) shared his personal goals. The chapter plans to establish this climb as their tradition within the Phi Challenge in years to come.



The following is a partial listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

Louis Aiello III
Villanova '83

Steven Amarillo
LaSalle '09

John Avable
Florida '85

Richard D. Barnhill
Western Michigan '58

James E. Baskerville
Auburn '54

John M. Boermeester
Dartmouth '31

Ryan D. Boone
Ball State '99

Virgil S. Boucher
Monmouth '32

Raymond D. Boyd
Central Missouri '69

Roger D. Browning
Delaware '52

James D. Byrd
Auburn '00

Raymond T. Contreras
Florida State '65

F. Gene Dixon
Nebraska '45

Frank H. Fisher
Ohio Wesleyan '53

Lynn V. Fritchman
Colorado '51

Thomas C. Gilmore
Michigan '56

John (Jim) R. Glasa
Purdue '50

Clayton M. Grey
Connecticut '84

William E. Hancock
Davis & Elkins '60

Marvin H. Harner
Iowa '67

Don A. Hart
Texas-Austin '56

Ralph W. Kent
SUNY-Buffalo '60

C. Richard King
Oklahoma '48

Stephen R. Jerabek
Southeast Missouri State '69

John C. Laird
Baldwin-Wallace '88

Larry P. Manley
Texas-Austin '69

John F. Manning
Creighton '99

Brian A. Marczynski
Texas Tech '88

Robert N. McDuffie
Tulsa '49

Gregory P. Moe
Indiana '84

Roger A. Moore
Western Michigan '63

Robert J. Murphy
Davis & Elkins '79

William B. Nuckols
Richmond '65

Donald C. Parsons
Oklahoma State '43

Larry S. Plummer
Washburn '61

Raymond G. Reams
Louisville '47

John T. Ryan
West Virginia '78

Marvin R. Shotts
Alabama '59

Michael Spekhardt
Maine '57

James T. Stovall
Southeast Missouri State '72

Alfred H. Warner
Oregon '42

Undergraduates

Jonathan M. DeCleene
Michigan Tech '07

Tony Ruiz
Texas-San Antonio '09

Jerid S. Sturman-Camyn
Eastern Washington '11

Fountain dedicated to fallen SigEp



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Lt. Col. Kim S. Orlando, Baylor '82, was honored with the dedication of a Memorial Fountain in front of the Fisher House in Fort Campbell, Tenn. The fountain was sponsored by Orlando's chapter at Baylor. Orlando was commander of the 716th Military Police Battalion when he was killed on Oct. 16, 2003, in Karbala, Iraq. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star for his actions in Iraq and for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and local civilians. "He was our brother before he was your brother," said **Richard Kennedy, Baylor '81**, who attended the October ceremony along with more than 100 family and friends. "I'm glad to have known him. We'll remember him forever. He'll live in our hearts forever."



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Making Membership More Meaningful.

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Texas sets foundation for today and tomorrow

BY MARK A. KIESTER

Texas '71

Since 1930, more than 2,600 men have been initiated at the University of Texas. Texas Alpha's history of campus leadership, academic superiority, and athletic dominance has secured its position as the premier fraternity at Texas. This history of success is the driving force behind the \$2.935 million capital campaign.

The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation and the National Housing Corporation knew they had to plan for a facility that would meet the needs of their members well into the 21st century and address necessary safety upgrades. For more than three years, a visionary group of Texas Alpha alumni developed a solid strategy to renovate

and expand the chapter house in Austin. Their goal is to offer their members a safe, attractive and high-quality living environment while providing the competitive edge to ensure the success of the chapter well into the future.



The cornerstone of the house includes the founding dates of the Fraternity and the chapter.

Honoring Our Past, Protecting Our Future: The Campaign for Texas Alpha is an effort to garner the support of each Texas Alpha alumnus for the future of our Fraternity. Led by Chairman **Thomas O. Hicks, '68**, Honorary Chairman **Roger C. Chapman, '49**, and a campaign executive committee consisting of **A. Morris Albright, '57**, **Thomas M. Dunning, '65**, **Bruce W. Schnitzer, '66**, **Glenn E. Staats, '66**, **C. Richard Vermillion Jr., '67**, **E. Toby Summers, '69**, **Jeffery D. Otto, '77**, **Richard S. Rankin, '77**, and **Jerry A. Smith Jr., '79**, the campaign has raised more than \$2,580,000 through the guidance of Pennington & Company.

Last summer, work began on the chapter house to install new windows and renovate the existing kitchen and

dining hall, while creating a snack bar area. This winter, the sprinklers and fire-rated doors will be installed and the second- and third-floor common areas will receive new floors. In May 2008, a 9,260-square-foot addition will be completed, providing a multi-purpose floor for athletics and functions, two meeting rooms, additional storage and a partially covered outdoor patio between the main house and the addition. The campaign also includes an endowment fund for future maintenance, renovations and enhancements of the chapter house.

For more information about the campaign for Texas Alpha, contact Jerry Cooper, campaign coordinator, at 785-843-1661 or cooper@penningtonco.com.



Texas is continuing a focus on academics with the new addition, which includes a multipurpose room for governance meetings and studying. The chapter plans to host seminars with university faculty and other student groups when renovations are complete.

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